

2000 ANNUAL REPORT



Palmer
Massachusetts



ON THE COVER

Palmer Public School Millennium Project

Approximately 2500 Staff, Employees, Administration and students of Palmer High School, Converse Middle School and Old Mill Pond School gathered together at the Field Hockey playing field in front of Palmer High to participate in this photograph.

COMMITTEE

Cathy Les, Chairman
David Whitney
Liissa Carroll
Bill & Sue Lempart
Stacey Sivo

THESE PEOPLE AND GROUPS HELPED TO MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE:

Chief Alan Roy and Tony Blazejowski of the Palmer Fire Department
Chief Robert Frydryk, Lt. John Janulewicz, Officer Kenny White of the Palmer Police
Department
Edward Nadolski
Bruce French
Marilyn Vincent and the Bus Drivers of Five Star Bus Company
Debbie Smola
Mary Salzmänn – Palmer School Committee
Dr. Richard McClements
Mrs. Cecilia Zajk and the staff of Old Mill Pond School
Robert Janasiewicz and the staff of Converse Middle School
Mr. John Williams and the staff of Palmer High School
Carol Murphy of the Daily News
Casey Moffit of the Palmer Journal
Mr. Quesnel and his Calculus Class
Chris Ross of the Palmer High School Model Rocket Club

Photo taken by Al Les

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 17
Saturday, April 28
Saturday, May 12
10 am until 8 pm

Tour your Police and Town Hall facilities and see first hand the current conditions and why there is a need for a new facility.

On April 17, April 28, and May 12, we will conduct live tours of our existing facilities.

We will also have plans of the proposed facilities on display.

Please come to meet your Police Officers and Town Officials, who will be conducting the tours.

We hope to see you there!

Help the Police Department to serve you better! Vote yes on Article 15 at the Annual Town Meeting on May 14, 2001 at the High School at 7:00 PM



PALMER NEEDS A NEW POLICE STATION

"For nearly 40 years, the Police Department has occupied its current quarters at the Town Hall. In that time, policing has changed dramatically. We provide many more services now than we did when the building was originally constructed. We have utilized every square inch of available space, but this space is simply no longer adequate. Even in a small community such as ours, it is critical that the police department has a facility that lets us provide a high level of service to our residents. This is currently not the case. A new building is sorely needed. We ask and are grateful for your support."

Robert P. Frydryk
Chief of Police

Support Your Local Police! These folks put their lives on the line for public safety.

Support them and you support:

- Drug Education
- School Safety
- Drug Investigations
- Traffic Control
- Accident Investigation
- Crime Prevention
- Criminal Investigations

Sponsored by the Palmer Police Building Committee

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PROPOSED FACILITIES

Q: How will the average taxpayer benefit from a new police facility?

A: Many of the benefits are intangible and indirect. The community as a whole benefits by having a modern police facility with room to grow. Those who need police assistance (which could be anyone at any time) will notice a neater, roomier police department that should translate into better and more efficient services by the Dispatch, Records and Investigative Divisions in particular. Taxpayers will also realize a substantial benefit by approval of this construction now. Some may feel that if this plan is not approved now, it can be done later. The reality is that if voters do not approve this plan now, the building must eventually be built, but the costs will go up. The most recent estimates have construction costs rising at about 10% per year.

Q: What will happen to the Town Hall?

A: The vacated area used for the present Police station is unusable without extensive renovation. In addition, the Town Hall is nearly 40 years old and has become too small as well. Architects and HVAC experts who have examined the building, including the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems have indicated that they are on their last legs. The Town Hall, as part of this project, will be totally renovated and expanded.

Q: How much will the Police and Town Hall projects cost?

A: An initial architectural estimate for the project was 10 to 12 million dollars. The Police Station Building and Town Hall Renovation Committees are committed to keeping the cost of this project affordable. Every aspect of the project is being examined for areas of cost savings. A firm estimate of the cost will be available prior to the Annual Town Meeting on May 14.

Q: How will we pay for this project?

A: Unfortunately, unlike schools and libraries, there are no federal or state building assistance programs available to offset the cost of this project. This means that the town must fund the entire cost. However, the building committees and town officials are exploring ways to fund the project without requiring a

Proposition 2 ½ override. Some possibilities are to seek low interest loans from the federal government and to seek grant money for specialized projects within the construction projects. More information will be available by the time of the May 14 Annual Town Meeting.

Q: Where will the new Police Station be built?

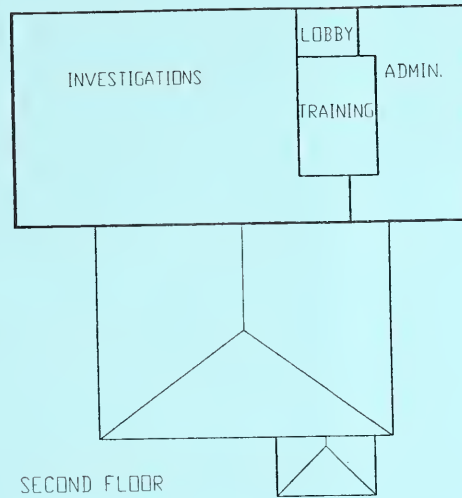
A: The town has already acquired several acres of land behind the Town Hall. The Police Station will be built on this property keeping it in the same central location as it has always been.

Q: The town has not grown significantly in population since the current police station was built. Why do we need a new facility?

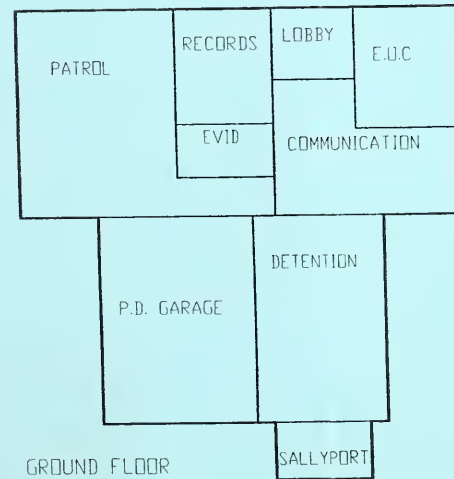
A: This is true; the town's population in 1964 was about 10,500. The 2000 Census has placed the town's population at about 12,500. However, when the police department moved to its current location in 1964, the department had 11 police officers and two civilian employees. They occupied about 2,000 square feet in the Town Hall building. Since that time the department has grown significantly, as have its duties and responsibilities. Today there are 21 full-time officers, 6 full-time civilian employees, 12 part-time officers, 12 auxiliary police officers, and 5 part-time civilian employees. We still occupy roughly the same 2,000 square feet of space.

In addition to the Police Department, the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center for the police, the town's 3 fire departments and the ambulance service operates in this area. No one could imagine, 40 years ago, the amount of equipment that would be necessary to operate a Police Department and Dispatch Center in the next century. We have utilized available space to the best of our ability, but there simply is no room left to expand. Additionally, the current facility does not meet modern standards for police facilities and, therefore, exposes the town to potential liability.

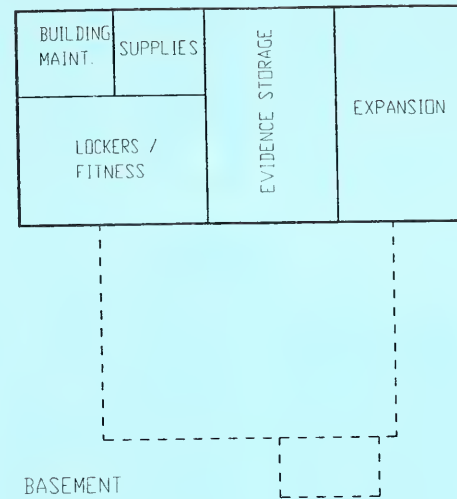
PROPOSED POLICE FACILITY (APPROX. 21,000 SQ. FT.)



SECOND FLOOR

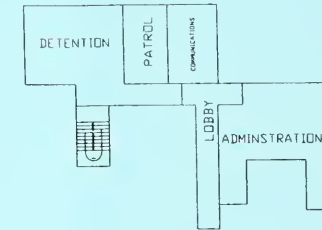


GROUND FLOOR



BASEMENT

CURRENT POLICE FACILITY (APPROX. 2,000 SQ. FT.)



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IN MEMORY

FRANCIS L. ROLLET

March 19, 1922 – February 2, 2000



Francis was a lifelong resident of Palmer. He was a member of the Swift River Sportsman Club. He owned and operated Rollet Electric until his retirement in 1997 and served as Assistant Wire Inspector for many years.

BRENDAN J. MACDONNELL

January 22, 1940 – February 2, 2000



Brendan served the Town of Palmer as a teacher and administrator for thirty-eight years. He was the assistant principal of Converse Middle School for the past seven years. He was an excellent teacher and will be fondly remembered by all his students.

JOSEPH J. NIKODEM

January 30, 1957 – July 4, 2000



Joseph was a lifelong resident of Bondsville. He was a member of the Bondsville Smokestack Committee and the Palmer Library Association.

**GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT
AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE
TOWN OF PALMER**

UNITED STATES SENATORS

*John F. Kerry, Boston
Edward M. Kennedy, Boston*

COUNCILOR

*Seventh Councilor District
Dennis P. McManus*

STATE SENATOR

*Worcester, Hampden, Franklin
and
Hampshire Senatorial District
Stephen M. Brewer*

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

*First Hampden Representative District
Reed V. Hillman*

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

*Second Congressional District
Richard E. Neal*

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

William M. Bennett, Springfield

FACTS ABOUT PALMER

SETTLED	1716
INCORPORATED AS A DISTRICT	1752
ACCEPTED AS A TOWN	1776
LOCATION	About 15 miles east of Springfield on Route 20
HIGHEST ELEVATION	Colonel's Mountain 1179 feet
POPULATION	12,546
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	Town Meeting
TAX RATE - FY 2000	
TOWN	18.45
FIRE DISTRICT TAX	
DISTRICT #1	1.46
DISTRICT #2	1.56
DISTRICT #3	2.18
DISTRICT #4	1.85
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS	Approximately 3,814
PROPERTY VALUATION	\$521,107,876
AREA	Approximately Land 20,110.0 acres; Water 457.5 acres. Total 20,568.4 acres; Square Miles: 32.14
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS	Approximately 150 miles
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Palmer High School Converse Middle School Old Mill Pond Elementary
FIRE PROTECTION	Well equipped and established fire station at Walnut Street, Palmer, with 1 full-time captain and a 33 member call force headed by Alan J. Roy, Chief, (Civil Service); Springfield Street, Three Rivers, with a 34 member call force headed by Chief Patrick O'Connor; Main Street, Bondsville, with a 26 member call force headed by Chief John Sullivan.

FACTS ABOUT PALMER CONTINUED

POLICE

Well established 21 member force headed by Chief of Police, Robert P. Frydryk.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Walter (Beebe) Chase Memorial Park, Legion Field, Eager Playground, Palmer, Nick Laviolette Park, Three Rivers, plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, and Endelson Playground, Bondsville.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

North Main Street, Palmer



TELEPHONE NUMBERS EMERGENCIES

Fire:

Bondsville	283-9036
Palmer	283-3861
Thorndike	283-3861
Three Rivers	283-7161
Hospital	283-7651
Ambulance	284-1652
Police	283-8792
EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE	911

FOR INFORMATION

Appeals	283-2611
Assessors	283-2607
Building Inspector	283-2638
Cemetery	283-2665
Civil Defense	283-8792
Community Development	283-2614
Conservation Commission	283-2611
Council on Aging	283-2670
Dog Officer	283-7770
Gas Inspector (Residence)	283-4082
Health Board	283-2606
Highway Department	283-2615
License Commission (Alcohol Beverage Information)	283-2608
Palmer Housing Authority	283-9311
Palmer Public Library	283-3330
Palmer Redevelopment Authority	283-4100
Park Commission	283-2667
Planning Board	283-2605
Plumbing Inspector (Residence)	289-1022
Schools:	
Converse Middle School	283-2641
Old Mill Pond Elementary	283-2630
Palmer High School	283-2621
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical	283-9701
Superintendent of Schools	283-2650
Sealer of Weights and Measures (Residence)	267-4070
Selectmen	283-2603
Tax Collector	283-2601
Town Accountant	283-2602
Town Clerk	283-2608
Town Treasurer	283-2600
Veteran's Agent	283-2610
Wastewater Treatment Plant	283-2671
Wire Inspector (Residence)	283-3356

TOWN OFFICERS 2000
(elected)

TOWN CLERK

Patricia C. Donovan

Term expires 2003

TREASURER

Roger E. Brach

Term expires 2002

TOWN COLLECTOR

Roger E. Brach

Term expires 2001

SELECTMEN

Elaine J. Dustin-Nikodem, Chairman

Term expires 2001

Patricia C. Donovan, Vice-Chairman

Term expires 2002

Todd M. Smola, Clerk

Term expires 2003

ASSESSORS

Jay J. Mastalerz, Chairman

Term expires 2001

Michael J. Burns

Term expires 2002

Lawrence Jasak

Term expires 2003

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Christopher Geoffrion, Chairman

Term expires 2001

Maureen Gallagher

Term expires 2001

David M. Lynch

Term expires 2002

Mary A. Salzman

Term expires 2002

Cynthia Heffernan

Term expires 2003

BOARD OF HEALTH

Rose Tyburski, Chairman

Term expires 2001

Thomas M. Dranka

Term expires 2002

Paul Benard

Term expires 2003

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Robert G. Faulkner, Chairman

Term expires 2002

Anthony T. Blazejowski, Jr.

Term expires 2001

Frederick C. Olson

Term expires 2003

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Leon Wlodyka, Chairman
John R. Mastalerz
Dennis R. Gaudreau

Term expires 2002
Term expires 2001
Term expires 2003

PLANNING BOARD

Michael Marciniak, Chairman
Joseph E. Slowick
James J. Haley, Jr.
Thomas S. Skowrya
Todd M. Smola

Term expires 2004
Term expires 2003
Term expires 2005
Term expires 2001
Term expires 2002

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Albin P. Les, Chairman
Michael Burns
Dean McKee
William K. Cole
William F. Gallagher

Term expires 2001
Term expires 2001
Term expires 2001
Term expires 2001
Term expires 2001

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Veronica A. Strzeminski, Chairman
Ronald W. Lemanski
Robert B. Bishop
Richard E. Fontaine

Term expires 2001
Term expires 2002
Term expires 2003
Term expires 2004

Myrtle F. Davis
State member (appointed)

Term expires 2004

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Michael J. Cavanaugh
David Droz

Term expires 2001
Term expires 2004

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Frank G. Real, Jr., Chairman
Thomas W. Haley
Margaret H. Higgins
Blake LaMothe
Raymond J. Remillard

Term expires 2005
Term expires 2001
Term expires 2002
Term expires 2003

State member (appointed)

MODERATOR

John B. DiNuovo

Term expires 2001

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

AIRPORT STUDY COMMITTEE

Roger Fortune, Jr.
Richard Fontaine
Neal Byrne

Joseph Topor
John Kokoczyna

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER

John A.Griffin

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Fred Guzik

BOARD OF APPEALS

Antonio Andre, Chairman
Norman A. Czech
Gary Doane
(Alternate)

Ingrid Thompson
Lyle Hislop
Russell L. Brown

BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Beverly Morin
Roger Brach
Jean Bubon

David Johnson
Alice Davey

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Richard Rollet

Leslie LaPointe (Assistant)

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Charles Ksieniewicz
Charlann Griswold
Richard Rollet

Robert P. Frydryk
Dennis Fountain

CABLEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David Backus
Frank G. Real, Jr.

Michael Chalue
George Backus

CIVIL DEFENSE COMMITTEE

John Sullivan
Tammy Piechota
Alan Roy
Charlann Griswold

Robert Frydryk
Patrick O'Connor
Kenneth White
Neal Byrne

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Charlann Griswold, Chairman
Director

Neal Byrne, Assistant

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank G. Real, Jr.
Gladys Stockwell
Michael Marciniac

Veronica Strzemienski
William Byrnes

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Alice Davey

COMPUTER PROGRAM SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

Neil Byrne

COMPUTER UPDATE COMMITTEE

John A. Griffin
Roger Brach
Robert Frydryk
Richard Zina
Mark Contois

Carol Sugrue
Beverly Morin
Neal Byrne
Charles F. Ksieniewicz

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Michele Corbiel-Crawford, Chairman
Peter Izyk
Harry Johnson
Jane E. Golas

Donald R. Duffy
David E. Johnson
Phillip Sampson

CONSTABLES

Officer Kenneth White
Officer James Lynch

Norberto Garcia

COUNCIL ON AGING

Genevieve Bates, Chairman
Christine Stockmal
Edward Bradlenski
Janice Kucewicz
Alice Smith

Francis Riel
Honora McCarthy
Mary Hubert
John Kusha
Margaret Santaw

DOG OFFICER

Frederick Guzik

Wanda Guzik (Assistant)

EARTH REMOVAL OPERATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thomas Skowrya
Jane Golas
David Callahan
John Morrison
Dennis Moynahan

John Sasur
Michael Barry
Paul Les
Beth Zelazo

EASTERN VALLEY WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

John Sasur
Harry Johnson

Gary Pierce

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Beverly A. Morin
Carol Sugrue
Richard Rollet
Roger Brach
Joseph Slowick, Jr.

Frank Real
Phillip Sampson
Steven Chiacchia
Jean Bubon

FENCE VIEWER

Joseph J. Nietupski

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Ann Duke
George Backus
Michael Strzeminski
Matthew Lovell

Curtis Reeser
Richard Zina
Cynthia Heffernan
Margaret Raczka
Patricia St. Amour

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS

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Carol Sugrue

Roger Brach
Barbara Barry

FOREST WARDEN

Alan Roy

GAS INSPECTOR

Gary Stahelski

GROUND WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Nicholas Zeo
John Sasur

Jane E. Golas

HAMPDEN COUNTY HOUSING SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jean Leonard

HANDICAPPED SERVICE COMMITTEE

Neil Metcalf
Nancy Bauer
Phillip Sampson

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Jeffrey Jambora

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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Lorraine Novak
Marion P. Lis
Harold Olson

Sandra Nichols
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Rose Riskalla

HOUSE NUMBERER

Jean Bubon

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE/FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Jean Leonard
Joseph E. Slowick, Jr.

Veronica Strzeminski
Jane E. Golas

INSECT PEST CONTROL

James Chadwick

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bonnie Rathbone
Melanie Leibold
Nancy Dranka

Kenneth White
Cathy Grabowski
Debbie Charwick

INSURANCE BROKER

Thomas Graveline

**JOINT TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVE PIONEER VALLEY
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Michael Marciniac

Jean Bubon

KEEPER-LOCKUP

Robert P. Frydryk

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Alphonse E. Murray

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

Todd Smola

Charlann Griswold

Laurie Rocco

David Johnson

Gary Kuczarski

Phillip Sampson

Dave Clark

Alan Roy

Patrick O'Connor

John Sullivan

John Sasur

David Pranaitis

James Ammann

Robert Frydryk

Jeffrey Jambora

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY BOARD

James J. Lynch

Atty. Timothy J. Rogers

Magistrate E. Donald Riddle

Alphonse E. Murray

Norma Santos

Robert P. Frydryk

MILLENIUM COMMITTEE

Patricia St. Amour

Peter E. Pappas

MUNICIPAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR

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OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Donald R. Duffy

Peter Izyk

Harry Johnson

David E. Johnson

Jane E. Golas

PALMER CULTURAL COUNCIL

Deborah Queiros

Lynn Plotczik

Tom Arventos

James Athearn

Mary Bernat

Janisca Clark

Chris Miarecki

Lisa Ramsey

Matthew Lovell

Ann Wright

Leah Bigda

Kathleen Hood

PALMER INDUSTRIAL & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Thomas Haley

Gordon Christiansen

Theodore Bonnayer

Elias Pouloupoulos

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Mark Contois

Mary Brodeur

Walter Haggerty

Alphonse Murray, Jr.

Sandra Nichols

Lois C. Reynolds

Eleanor Szlachetka

Nancy Bauer

John DiNuovo

Michael Moran

Jonathan Murray

Sandra Noonan

Steven Leacock

PALMER TOWN BUILDING EXPANSION COMMITTEE

Beverly Morin

Blake La Mothe

Michael Harris

Regina Supczak

Patricia Donovan

PARK DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Richard Kaczmarczyk

PARKING CLERK

Roger Brach

PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Michael Marciniac
(alternate)

Jean Bubon

**PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION POLICY
ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE**

Jane E. Golas

PIONEER VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

James L. St.Amand

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Gerald Nichols

POLICE AUXILIARY

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Nicholas Gasperini

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Sean Maynard

Michael Hawk

Neal R. Byrne

Mary Lee Frydryk

Stephen Kosmider

Jason S. Pare

Benjamin Duby

Michael W. Weirbeick, Jr.

Neal R. Byrne, III

John Banas

POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Robert P. Frydryk
George A. Backus
Robert J. Boyle
Charles M. Callahan, III
Ralph E. Ingersoll
David F. Majka
Edward Tenczar
Christopher J. Burns
Elizabeth Plant

Antonio J. Andre
Jane F. Boyle
Fred P. Brozek
Audrey M. Hale
Raymond F. LaBonte, Sr.
Daniel W. Slowick
Steven Kusek
Kenneth G. White

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David Callahan
Kevin Pratt
June Johnson
Michael Barry
Lisa Nummy
Kathleen Monast
Jeffrey Rollet
Robert S. Mucha, Jr.

Deane Stearns
Jon Callahan
Fred Hugli
Philip O'Malley
Richard Roberts
Doris Lynn
Charles M. Callahan
Michael Lawrence
Ronald Somers

QUABOAG VALLEY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

Ronald P. Christiansen

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Marion Kozlik
Norma Santos
Penny Brantley
Diana Strzeminski

Rebecca Lukaskiewicz
Deborah Kopacz
Diane Brennan

RECREATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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Christopher Geoffrion
Jason Menard
Norma Santos
Roger Duguay
Margaret Ferry
Rebecca Lukaskiewicz

John DiNuovo
William F. Gallagher
Robert Haveles
William J. Connolly
David Benedetti

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Thomas Dranka
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Jayne G. Heede-Crimmins
Donna Corbin

Margaret Higgins
Jonathan Murray
Margo Dranka

REGISTRARS

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Gladys M. Stockwell

Gevenieve G. Janosz
Robert Canterbury

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Howard Case
William Bouthillier
Ronald Masnicki
William Gallagher

Robert P. Frydryk
John Sullivan
John Dyl
Phillip Sampson

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Joseph Serrato
Ronald Constantino

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE

Stephen R. Chiacchia
James Haley
Thomas S. Skowrya
Todd Smola
Thomas Dranka

Rose Tyburski
Joseph E. Slowick
Michael S. Marciniac
Fred Guzik

STREETS AND HIGHWAYS SUPERINTENDENT

Phillip Sampson

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Carol Sugrue

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

John A. Griffin

TOWN AUCTIONEER

Kevin Gouvin

TOWN COUNSEL

Charles Ksieniewicz

TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS

Alan Roy
Patrick O'Connor
John Sullivan

TREE WARDEN

James Chadwick

**VETERANS AGENT, BURIAL AGENT,
GRAVES OFFICER**

Peter E. Pappas

WIRE INSPECTOR

Stanley Pietryka
Arthur Miner (Interim)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE POLICY THAT ALL APPOINTED INDIVIDUALS WILL RETAIN THAT POSITION UNTIL SUCH TIME THE BOARD MAKES REAPPOINTMENTS.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the following financial statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2000:

- Balance Sheet - General Fund Accounts
- Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Fund Accounts
- Balance Sheet - Capital Projects Fund Accounts
- Balance Sheet - Outstanding Debt Accounts
- Balance Sheet - Trust Fund Accounts
- Statement of Cash Receipts
- Statement of Cash Disbursements
- Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances
- Statement of Bonded Indebtedness
- Statement of Special Department Funds
- Statement of Reserve Account Transfers

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 23 as amended, the Director of Accounts, Department of Revenue certified that the amount of available funds for "free cash" as of July 1, 2000 for the Town of Palmer was \$1,230,863.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Elected Officials, Personnel of all Town Departments and Committees and my Assistant for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Sugrue,
Town Accountant

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

Jun-30-00

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
CASH	4,291,140.12	OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		FY-1989 Levy	7,089.64
TAXES		FY-1990 Levy	18,267.99
Personal Property Tax		FY-1991 Levy	44,199.22
FY-2000	4,969.00	FY-1992 Levy	25,450.96
FY-1999	5,688.80	FY-1993 Levy	46,896.45
FY-1998	4,633.49	FY-1994 Levy	30,753.49
FY-1997	4,393.82	FY-1995 Levy	17,256.02
FY-1996	6,094.93	FY-1996 Levy	67,757.68
FY-1995	5,939.77	FY-1997 Levy	27,499.04
FY-1994	4,426.55	FY-1998 Levy	29,953.76
FY-1993	4,266.84	FY-1999 Levy	6,376.97
FY-1992	1,615.83	FY-2000 Levy	39,410.19
FY-1991	1,258.52		
FY-1990	298.52		
			360,911.41
Real Estate Tax		TAX TITLE REDEMPTIONS DUE DISTRICT	
FY-2000	448,244.81		
FY-1999	237,958.08	DEFERRED REVENUE	
FY-1998	196,428.53	Tax Title Revenue-Town	58,663.17
FY-1997	142,109.73	Tax Title Revenue-District	2,245.11
FY-1996	116,096.63	Tax Title Foreclosure Revenue	64,830.10
FY-1995	97,134.96	Real Estate and Personal	
FY-1994	71,994.24	Property Tax Revenue	1,053,383.17
FY-1993	29,617.13	Deferred Taxes Revenue-Town	11,725.37
FY-1992	21,314.44	Deferred Taxes Revenue-District	999.03
FY-1991	5,678.69	Motor Vehicle Excise	
FY-1990	4,131.27	Tax Revenue	171,680.51
		Farm Animal Excise Tax	
Tax Titles	58,663.17	Revenue	101.00
Tax Possessions	64,830.10	Forest Products Tax Revenue	5.20
Tax Titles-District	2,245.11	Sewer User Charge Revenue	457,667.94
		Departmental Revenue	17,206.45
			1,838,507.05

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

30-Jun-00

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Deferred Taxes	11,725.37	WARRANTS PAYABLE	407,308.46
Deferred Taxes-District	999.03	12,724.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise		PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS	7,789.55
2000	81,133.58	AGENCY	
1999	38,005.16	State Receipts Due District	198.21
1998	16,073.78	State Reimbursement due	
1997	9,717.25	Collector	2,531.40
1996	7,912.75	Tax Possession Sales	
1995	7,382.72	Due District	11.50
1994	11,455.27	Millennium Committee Receipts	3.00
Farm Animal Excise		Departmental Receipts due	2,119.50
	171,680.51	Municipal Public Television	22,267.07
Forest Products Tax		Dog License Refund-Hampden County	27,130.68
	5.20		
Sewer User Charges		FUND EQUITY	
FY-2000	193,852.03	Fund Balances	
FY-1999	149,124.78	Amounts to be Provided for	
FY-1994	25,155.59	Snow & Ice Removal	(48,046.96)
Sewer Liens Added to		Fund Balance Reserved for Exp.	347,618.21
FY-1991 Taxes	100.00	Reserve for Encumbrances	2,324,631.49
Sewer Liens Added to		Under Estimate	(18,788.00)
FY-1992 Taxes	400.00	Fund Balance Designated	
Sewer Liens Added to		for Authorized Deferral	
FY-1993 Taxes	1,197.00	of Teachers Summer Pay	(420,221.00)
Sewer Liens Added to		Unreserved Fund Balance	1,657,966.04
FY-1994 Taxes	2,103.28		
Sewer Liens Added to			
FY-1995 Taxes	4,360.00		
			3,843,159.78

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

Jun-30-00

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1996 Taxes	5328.31		
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1997 Taxes	6,548.50		
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1998 Taxes	8,933.00		
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1999 Taxes	13,994.38		
Sewer Liens Added to FY-2000 Taxes	41,454.07		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1991 Taxes	14.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1992 Taxes	32.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1993 Taxes	311.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1994 Taxes	144.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1995 Taxes	357.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1996 Taxes	387.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY97 Taxes	424.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY98 Taxes	648.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY99 Taxes	857.00		
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY00 Taxes	1,943.00		
			457,667.94

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

Jun-30-00

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

DEPARTMENTAL
Veterans

17,206.45

TOTAL ASSETS

6,490,558.58

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

6,490,558.58

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

30-Jun-00		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
ASSETS			
CASH	1,120,635.31	CASH-HIGHWAY FUND	7,167.14
STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS	680,385.26	WARRANTS PAYABLE	82,567.52
DUE FROM COMMONWEALTH- Small Cities Grants	1,765,174.00	SCHOOL LUNCH	102,664.03
State Aid to Highway Construction- Chapter 113 A & B	7,167.14	HIGHWAY REVENUE	
Federal Cops Fast Grant	51,023.81	Aid to Highway Revenue	587,718.91
Cops in Schools	5,167.50	Chapter 90 Public Works	
Septic System Repairs Loan Program	8,000.00	Economic Development	
		Program-Chapter 811	9,402.63
		Anticipation of State Highway Aid Loan	83,263.72
		Deferred Revenue	
		Small Cities Grants	1,765,174.00
		REVOLVING FUNDS	
		School Lost Textbook	2,363.58
		School Athletics	1,991.70
		Use of Facilities	32,978.14
		School Tuition	6,901.91
		Medicaid Reimbursement	61,896.16
		Right to Know Law	876.66
		Summer School	904.96
		Student Activity Fund	73,145.39
		School Choice Tuition	20,347.17
		Board of Health Perc Tests	6,380.00

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-00

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Conservation Commission Wetlands		
By-Law Filing Fee	1395.27	209,180.94
AGENCY		
Police Off-Duty Work Detail		54,414.21
SALE OF REAL ESTATE		141,428.25
RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	14,391.00	14,391.00
ESCROW		
Towing Performance Bond	1,000.00	
Street Entrance Bonds	21,675.00	
Street Excavation Bonds	10,455.00	
Sanitary Landfill	200.00	
Board of Appeals Bond	11,500.00	
Commonwealth Reimbursement to		
Ambulance Service	303.75	
Bid Bond Escrow	9,068.10	54,201.85
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS		
Chapter II Block Grant		
#302-308-5-0227-5		
Title I	428.35	
FY2000 Title VI	32,578.68	
FY2000 Title VI	492.36	
FY2000 Sped Allocation	61,358.70	
Summer Content Institute Program	6,497.58	
Technical Literacy Challenge	13,900.00	
Enhanced School Health Grant	60,076.52	
Academic Support Service	26,150.00	
FY2000 Smoking Cessation Grant	13,694.37	

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-00

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Governors Alliance Against Drugs	12,032.55
FY2000 Library Incentive Grant	3,740.03
FY2000 Municipal Equalization Grant	8,863.30
FY2000 Non-Resident Circulation Grant	9,943.63
FY2000 Sped Early Childhood	551.54
FY2000 Sped Curriculum Frameworks	5,306.00
School Class Size Reduction Program	5,173.13
FY95 Library Incentive Grant	109.84
FY99 Municipal Equalization Grant	114.15
FY99 Non-Resident Circulation Offset Grant	183.35
FY2000 Teacher Training Math & Science	6,080.55
FY2000 IEP Training	2,300.00
Narcotics Task Force	84.67
State Grants-Dept. of Elder Affairs-Transportation	74.03
Community Program	334.40
Kitchen Equipment	207.87
Outreach	3,542.96
FY94 Forumua Grant	58.54
FY95 Formula Grant	259.74
Greater Springfield Senior Services Title IIIB	4,064.79
Greater Springfield Senior Pharmacy Grant	1,500.00
Veterans Services-	
Graves Repair	880.00
UCR/NIBRS Computer Grant	1.32
Bicycle Safety Grant	6.00
1998 Narcotics Task Force Grant	1,099.44
FY2000 Community Policing Grant	5,305.37
Law Enforcement Block Grant	2,323.36

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-00

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Municipal Recycling Incentive Program	4,648.00	
MRF Advisory Board Grant	355.30	
FY99 Task Force Grant	13,556.25	
FY98 Law Enforcement Grant	39,575.00	
Small Cities Grants	79,365.66	
Police DARE Grant	10.06	
		426,827.39

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

School Department	4,981.70	
Council on Aging	72.48	
Historical Commission	23,958.61	
Local Arts Lottery	8,646.21	
Police Department	480.00	
Park Department	22.95	
Memorial Hall	10.42	
Town Hall	100.75	
Dog Officer	155.57	
Accountant's Office	0.52	
DARE	401.42	
Palmer Middle School	700.00	
Street Light-River Road Gift	1,000.00	
Bondsville School Site		
Development	204.50	
Compost Bins Gift	1,656.50	
School & Town Computer Gift	343.45	
		42,735.08

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-00

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DAMAGE TO TOWN PROPERTY	9,368.42
REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGE TO COMPUTER SOFTWARE	453.75
TAILINGS	
Unclaimed Checks	5,417.77
PREMIUM ON NOTES	495.75
BOND ISSUE-ACCRUED INTEREST	9,365.26
PLANNING BOARD-APPLICATION REVIEW FEES	29,634.36
CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT	1,681.04

TOTAL ASSETS

3,637,553.02

TOTAL LIABILITIES

3,637,553.02

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

30-Jun-00

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
CASH	4,103,317.78	WARRANTS PAYABLE	3,116,365.00
LOANS AUTHORIZED		LOANS AUTHORIZED AND UNISSUED	
Construction of Septic Systems	100,000.00	Water Pollution Control Project	235,150.00
Quaboag Valley Co-op Sewer Project	685,000.00	Reconstruction of Sewers and Sewer System	331,536.00
Street Sewer Improvements-New Schools	16,000.00	Purchase of Park Land	90,000.00
Street Sewer Improvements-Main St	27,000.00	Street Sewer Improvement Project-New Schools	16,000.00
Purchase of Park Land	90,000.00	Street Sewer Improvement Project-Main St	27,000.00
Construction of Sewerage System & Sewerage Treatment Facilities	235,150.00	Sanitary Sewer Project-Quaboag Valley Co-op	685,000.00
Reconstruction of Sewers & Sewer System	331,536.00	Construction of Septic Systems	100,000.00
Construction/Re-Const. of Sewer & Sewerage System CSO	670,000.00	Land Purchase Mt. Dumplin	73,152.00
Land Purchase Mt. Dumplin	73,152.00	Sewer Line Repairs-Monet St.	54,000.00
Sewer Line Repairs-Monet St.	58,000.00	Construction/Reconstruction of Sewerage System-CSO	570,000.00
Roof Repair/Repalcement-WWTP Pump Stations	134,000.00	Installation of Lights-Legion Field	244,000.00
Installation of Lights-Legion Field	250,000.00		2,425,838.00
	2,669,838.00	ANTICIPATION OF SERIAL LOANS	
		Bond Anticipation Note-Multi-Purpose Bond VIII	244,000.00
		FUND BALANCE	986,952.78
TOTAL ASSETS	6,773,155.78	TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,773,155.78

TOWN OF PALMER

BALANCE SHEET - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

30-Jun-00

StreetScape Improvements	30,000.00
StreetScape Improvements	30,000.00
Voting Machines	7,000.00
Voting Booths	2,120.00
Palmer Town Building Parking Lot	50,000.00
Town Hall Ventilation	1,660.00
School Building Project	348,374.48
Old Mill Pond Playground	13,809.73
Legion Field Lights	98.64
Monet St. Sewer Line	989.44
Highway Dept.-5yd. Dump Truck	13,477.00
Highway Dept 3/4 Ton Pickup	1,538.03
Sanitary Landfill Phase I Closeout	1,392.04
Sanitary Landfill Closeout	3,802.15
Emery St. Landfill Closing	252,415.23
Purchase/Eminent Domain Taking- Emery Street	45,000.00
State St. Landfill Closing	5,713.42
Aeration System Improvements	3,884.51
WWTP-Phase II CSO	4.59
WWTP CSO Project	623.66
Reconstruction of Sewers and Sewer System	41,385.56
Sewer Overflow Facility	5,158.89
Public Library-Roof, Trim and Gutter Repair	55.00
Palmer Town Building Roof	140.00
Dewatering System Improvements	35,244.84
Industrial Pretreatment	135.90
WWTP-Three Belt Press	37,866.45
WWTP 4X4 Pickup Truck	687.00
WWTP Removal/Replacement Underground Storage Tank	13,633.89
WWTP Roof Replacement	15,786.85
Cemetery Dept.-Storage Building	20,000.00

Palmer Public Library Roof
Park Dept. 3/4 Ton Truck
Park Dept. Batwing Mower

607.60
952.08
3,395.80

TOTAL

986,952.78

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - TRUST FUNDS

30-Jun-00

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	1,213,907.98	STABILIZATION FUND	934,300.57
		CONSERVATION FUND	7,638.53
		THOMPSON FUND	1,127.14
		MERRICK FUND	1,013.52
		CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	257,956.96
		INTEREST-FULLER FUND-SCHOOLS	1,408.64
		INTEREST-FULLER FUND-PARK	2,837.86
		LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND	2,792.00
		MABEL SLESINSKI FUND	4,832.76
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,213,907.98</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,213,907.98</u>

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS
BALANCE SHEET - OUTSTANDING DEBT

30-Jun-00

<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
NET FUNDED DEBT - INSIDE	3,918,000.00	MULTI-PURPOSE BOND ISSUE II	3,590,000.00
NET FUNDED DEBT - OUTSIDE	22,427,000.00	MULTI-PURPOSE BOND ISSUE V	315,000.00
		SCHOOL REFUNDING BONDS	19,950,000.00
		MULTI-PURPOSE BOND ISSUE VI	2,490,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>26,345,000.00</u>	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>26,345,000.00</u>

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS

GENERAL FUND

Year Ending June 30, 2000

TAXES - LOCAL

Current Year's Levy:

Real Estate	8,567,684.39	
Personal Property	<u>470,640.57</u>	9,038,324.96

Prior Year's Levy:

Real Estate	361,034.36	
Personal Property	5,830.13	
Tax Title Redemption	<u>1,923.89</u>	368,788.38

Other Local Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Excise	933,400.79	
Motor Vehicle Excise-		
Paid After Abatement	3,957.44	
Farm Animal Excise	1,427.91	
Forest Products Tax	195.84	
Trailer Coach Fees	10,870.00	
Municipal Lien Certificates	<u>10,675.00</u>	960,526.98

TOTAL TAXES - LOCAL

10,367,640.32

STATE SHARED TAXES

Loss of Taxes and Abatements	43,742.00
Education Basis	8,897,404.00
Local Aid Fund - Lottery	1,826,882.00
State Owned Land	<u>18,656.00</u>

TOTAL STATE SHARED TAXES

10,786,684.00

LICENSES

Alcoholic Beverages	16,195.00
Licenses Issued by Selectmen	12,895.00

Licenses Issued by Board of Health	11,200.00	
Dog Licenses	<u>8,776.00</u>	
TOTAL LICENSES		<u>49,066.00</u>
<u>PERMITS</u>		76,993.43
<u>FINES</u>		
Court	7,490.00	
Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions	38,050.47	
Municipal Fines	<u>1,100.00</u>	
TOTAL FINES		<u>46,640.47</u>
<u>STATE FUNDS</u>		
School Construction	2,026,287.00	
Highway Fund	164,464.00	
Sewer Rate Relief	15,409.00	
Police Career Incentive	<u>31,587.00</u>	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		<u>2,237,747.00</u>
<u>FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES</u>		
General Government		
Board of Appeals	500.00	
Tax Collector	27,924.07	
Planning Board	2,791.75	
Town Clerk	16,480.00	
Selectmen	9,417.30	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,317.85</u>	58,430.97
Public Safety		
Police Department	2,599.00	
Sealer	2,346.00	
Dog Officer	<u>150.00</u>	5,095.00

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Sewer User Fees	1,221,103.94	
Sewer Entrance Fees	150.00	
Other Receipts	<u>70,285.76</u>	1,291,539.70

Parks & Recreation

Registration Fees		11,967.25
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Parking Clerk

Fines		4,354.00
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Cemeteries

Sale of Lots	2,450.00	
Open Graves	4,475.00	
Foundations	<u>849.45</u>	7,774.45

TOTAL FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES

1,379,161.37

REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT SERVICES

School Transportation	173,811.00
Veterans' Services	43,232.72
Non-Contributory Pensions-State	248.78
Extended Polling Hours	5,750.62
Tuition-State Wards	102,177.00
County Dog License Refund	22,267.07

TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT
SERVICES

347,487.19

INTEREST

Taxes & Assessments	112,744.55
Sewer User Fees	1,268.00
Investment Funds	268,175.00
Tax Liens	1,388.27

TOTAL INTEREST

383,575.82

AGENCY

Payroll Deductions		
Federal Taxes	1,556,808.26	
State Taxes	654,905.34	
Group Life Insurance	20,382.76	
Voluntary Life Insurance	12,350.40	
Group Health Insurance	420,989.72	
County Retirement	382,581.40	
Medicare	105,358.71	
Deferred Income	103,988.15	
School Annuities	1,082,835.89	
Highway Dues	2,756.24	
Adjustment to Net	21,150.00	
Police Dues	6,216.00	
Police Dispatcher Dues	1,352.00	
Defined Contribution	40,000.22	
Disability Insurance	36,780.16	
Universal Life Insurance	4,526.00	
Administration Dues	9,598.50	
Credit Union	88,284.00	4,550,863.75
State Payments Due Districts		466.71
Departmental Receipt Due Municipal		
Public Access Television		49,619.50
Tax Titles Due Districts		145.73
Millennium Committee Receipts		594.00
Underground Storage Tank		
Removal Grant		35,957.50
State COLA Refund		1,499.94
State Reimbursement due Collector		1,728.00

TOTAL AGENCY

4,640,875.13

REFUNDS

Departmental - Prior Years	3,050.54
Departmental - Current Year	58,737.51

TOTAL REFUNDS

61,788.05

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS - GENERAL FUND

30,377,658.78

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

SCHOOL FUNDS

School Lunch - Federal	216,181.62
Title I	178,782.00
FY00 Title VI	12,397.00
Academic Support Service	7,406.00
FY00 SPED Allocations	246,641.00
Summer Content Institute Program	32,387.85
Technical Literacy Challenge	15,000.00
Enhanced School Health Grant	60,300.00
FY00 Academic Support Services	26,150.00
FY00 Smoking Cessation Grant	47,227.00
School Quest Alliance 2000	13.92
FY00 SPED Early Childhood	25,340.00
FY00 SPED Curriculum Frameworks	9,359.00
School Class Size Reduction Program	40,577.00
FY00 Teacher Training Math & Science	9,560.00
FY00 IEP Training	2,300.00
FY00 Technical Training and Professional Development	8,151.00

TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS

937,773.39

FEDERAL FUNDS

Cops in Schools	2,737.95
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TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS

2,737.95

STATE FUNDS

State to Highway Construction	
Chapter 113	486,501.15
School Lunch-State	16,235.94
Arts Lottery Council	9,033.00
Greater Springfield Senior	
Services Title IIIB	12,865.00
Drug Free Schools	5,021.00
Library Incentive Grant-FY00	8,885.67
FY00 Municipal Equalization Grant	8,863.30
FY00 Non-Resident Circulation	
Offset Award	9,943.63
FY98 Narcotics Task Force Grant	10,747.39
FY00 Community Police Grant	25,000.00
1999 Narcotics Task Force Grant	27,606.42
Community Development Action Grant	87,679.56
FY00 DARE Grant	9,700.00
Community Development Block	
Grant Paydowns	264,129.65
Fire Safety Grant	1,500.00
FY98 Law Enforcement Grant	39,575.00
Bullet Proof Vests	3,156.00

TOTAL STATE FUNDS

1,026,442.71

FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES

Schools		
School Lunch Program	328,653.44	
School Athletics	21,107.11	
Use of Facilities	29,956.25	
Lost Text Books	239.44	
School - Gifts	170.00	
Summer School	3,100.00	
School Tuition	30,841.20	
Medicaid Reimbursement	98,602.00	
Student Activity Fund	233,004.64	745,674.08
Compost Bins - Gift		1,312.50
Town Hall Gift		100.00
DARE Gift		3,300.00

Board of Health Perc Tests	13,150.00
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TOTAL FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES

763,536.58

UNCLASSIFIED

Damage to Town Properties	6,024.98
Community Development Loan Program-Miscellaneous	1,683.69
Conservation Commission Wetlands By-Law	2,130.00
Historical Commission-Maintenance Fund	774.90
Planning Board-Application Review Fees	35,016.24
Street Entrance Bonds-Escrow Account	9,000.00
Street Excavation Bonds-Escrow Account	6,600.00
Bid Bond Escrow	8,058.10
Sale of Real Estate	5,500.00
Loan in Anticipation of Chapter 90 Reimbursement	83,263.72
Firearms Licensing Fees	15,411.94
Premium on Notes	353.75
Bond Issue Accrued Interest	2,519.43

TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED

176,336.75

INTEREST

Student Activity Fund	2,513.96
Chapter 90 - Public Works Economic Development Program	516.95
Set-Aside Program Paybacks Interest	10.17
Community Development Block Grants Interest	102.97
Community Development-MHFA Program Interest	189.21
Historical Commission-Maintenance Fund Interest	1,155.71
Local Arts Lottery-Interest	560.53

Planning Board-Application Review	
Fees-Interest	2,580.23
Law Enforcement Block Grant	<u>2,323.36</u>

TOTAL INTEREST	<u>9,953.09</u>
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AGENCY

Police - Off Duty Work Detail	98504.09
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TOTAL AGENCY	<u>98,504.09</u>
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TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	<u>3,015,284.56</u>
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CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Anticipation of Serial Loans-	
Multi-Purpose VI	244,000.00
Multi-Purpose VII Bond Issue	<u>2,490,000.00</u>

TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS	<u>2,734,000.00</u>
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TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	<u>2,734,000.00</u>
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TRUST FUNDS

FEEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES

Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Fund - Sales	3,300.00
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	<u>3,345.60</u>

TOTAL FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES	<u>6,645.60</u>
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INTEREST

Stabilization Fund	3,480.53
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	459.43
Conservation Fund	453.26
Merrick Fund	61.45
Thompson Fund	68.46
Fuller Fund-Schools	155.44
Fuller Fund-Parks	120.65
M. Slesinski Memorial Fund	<u>232.53</u>

TOTAL INTEREST	<u>5,031.75</u>
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TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS - TRUST FUNDS	<u>11,677.35</u>
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TOTAL RECEIPTS - ALL FUNDS		<u>36,138,620.69</u>
Add Cash Balance, July 1, 2000		10,369,713.33
Add Warrants Payable		3,606,240.98
		<u>50,114,575.00</u>
Less: Net Cash Disbursements	39,334,003.44	
Refunds	<u>58,737.51</u>	39,392,740.95
Cash Balance, June 30, 1999 - All Funds		10,721,834.05

STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Year Ending June 30, 2000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:

Board Salaries	9,609.00	
Executive Secretary Salary	56,345.40	
Selectmen's Clerical	29,733.60	
Selectmen Travel Salary	1,100.00	
Procurement Officer	1,800.00	
Selectmen Emergency Clerical	241.50	
Office/Copier Supplies	1,851.52	
Travel & Conference	829.81	
Education	1,072.00	
Town Meeting Expenses	1,069.96	
Copier Rental	2,580.06	
Dues	2,064.00	
Service Contracts/Maintenance	2,923.36	
Contract Negotiations	4,941.71	
Miscellaneous	340.66	
Subscriptions	228.70	
Drug & Alcohol Testing	594.00	
Green Thumb In-Kind Donation	300.00	117,625.28
SELECTMEN'S CONTINGENT ACCOUNT		40.00
Audit of Municipal Accounts		14,000.00
Update of Town Code		500.00
Maintenance & Disposition- School Buildings		1,256.28
Cablevision Advisory/Negotiations		2,500.00
Maintenance-Village Depot Park		207.31
Maintenance-Three Rivers Flood Control		13,975.00

Bondsville School Site Development	1,884.00
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT:

Salary	41,627.00	
Clerical	20,651.80	
Travel/Conference/School	869.48	
Dues	<u>115.00</u>	63,263.28

COMPUTER SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION:

Part-time Computer Maintenance Salary	9,401.00	
Maintenance Agreement	24,032.25	
Supplies	<u>9,962.66</u>	43,395.91

Computer Supplies FY99 Encumbered Expense	4,806.64
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Computer Upgrade/Training	2,555.99
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Computer Equipment	36,167.54
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TOWN TREASURER:

Salary	7,272.00	
Clerical	40,401.87	
Office Expense & Supplies	438.00	
Travel/Dues	1,018.94	
Postage	3,238.55	
Certification Fees	10.00	
Bank Service Charge	<u>2,471.04</u>	54,850.40

TAX COLLECTOR:

Salary	41,327.00	
Clerical	38,522.92	
Office Expense & Supplies	8,995.36	
Travel/Dues/Miscellaneous	1,439.76	
Postage/Meter/Scale	372.50	
Printing Tax Bills	<u>296.10</u>	90,953.64

Collector's Equipment	600.00
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Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year		1,000.00
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary	41,327.00	
Longevity	300.00	
Clerical	24,568.40	
Office Expense & Supplies	758.08	
Postage	2.98	
Travel/Dues	899.37	
Binding Records	123.39	
Out-of-State Travel	407.77	
Dog Licenses	<u>305.54</u>	68,692.53
Town Clerk-Equipment		2,600.00
ELECTION & REGISTRATION:		
Registrar's Salaries/Clerk	4,032.65	
Clerical	11,395.00	
Election Officers	5,991.00	
Ballots/Supplies/Forms	909.21	
Postage	1,273.00	
Travel	1,068.09	
Program Card Reader	939.00	
Repairs	81.99	
Maintenance Contract	85.00	
Bookbinding	<u>1,386.94</u>	27,161.88
ASSESSORS:		
Board Salaries	9,152.00	
Assistant Assessor Salary	36,159.56	
Clerical	23,578.14	
Photostats	955.50	
Office Expenses/Supplies/Postage	2,272.04	
Travel/Dues	2,682.68	
Binding	<u>375.00</u>	75,174.92
Re-valuation Services		16,372.00
Map Updating		22.00

LAW & CLAIMS:

Salary of Town Counsel	20,800.00	
Special Legal Services	<u>61,120.17</u>	81,920.17

Associate Town Counsel		7864.58
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Law & Claims FY99 Encumbered Exp.		5,582.49
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Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year		6,174.09
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LICENSE COMMISSION:

Clerical	500.00	
Travel Salary	854.67	
Office Supplies	<u>104.80</u>	1,459.47

MEMORIAL HALL:

Custodian's Salary	5,587.20	
Electricity/Water/Sewer Fee	1,759.82	
Fuel	3,417.74	
Repairs	<u>1,978.98</u>	12,743.74

PALMER TOWN BUILDING:

Custodian	19,136.00	
Lights/Heat/Water/Sewer Fee	16,324.64	
Repairs	<u>4,068.23</u>	39,528.87

Palmer Town Building Maint. Fund		5,403.07
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Palmer Town Building FY99 Encumbered Expense		507.52
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CONSULTING ENGINEER:		114.00
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FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Salary of Recording Secretary		793.36
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PLANNING BOARD:

Clerical	28,200.00	
Printing By-Laws	1,329.00	
Legal Notices	447.48	
Travel/Dues	80.00	
Miscellaneous	440.97	
Consulting Engineer	1,748.61	
Seminars	271.85	
Zoning Maps	<u>475.00</u>	32,992.91

Upgrade Zoning Maps		3,943.38
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BOARD OF APPEALS:

Recording Secretary		3044.94
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COUNCIL ON AGING:

Salary of Director	29,010.80	
Salary of Drivers	23,780.80	
Clerical	6,100.92	
Equipment Repair	405.85	
Travel/Dues	1,076.92	
Miscellaneous	<u>449.73</u>	60,825.02

Greater Springfield Senior Services		1,343.00
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CENTRAL PURCHASING:		19,866.99
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CENTRAL PURCHASING-TELEPHONE:		36,258.34
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CENTRAL PURCHASING - POSTAGE:		24,524.17
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TOWN MODERATOR:		215.00
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PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

Clerical	500.00	
Recording Secretary	60.00	
Professional Consultant	3,659.94	
Maintenance/Lights	5,329.60	
Legal Expenses	6,267.44	
Rent	<u>3,600.00</u>	19,416.98

Feasibility Study	1,000.00
TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>1,005,126.69</u>

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE:

Chief of Police-Salary	63,060.77	
Salaries	967,252.42	
Overtime	194,420.40	
Matron's Salary	1,327.50	
Clothing & Equipment	14,261.50	
Radio Repairs	1,618.50	
Maintenance of Cruisers	11,853.07	
Office Expense & Supplies	5,558.84	
Lock-up Expense	2,746.84	
Chief's Telephone	735.63	
Officer's Training School	11,754.08	
Ammo/Drugs/Narcotics	584.29	
Electricity	124.94	
Computer Maintenance Agreement	8,229.49	
Travel/Dues	1,442.39	
Film/Photo Supplies	324.54	
Medical Expense	1,723.43	
Miscellaneous	2,183.34	
911 Equipment Maintenance	<u>748.76</u>	1,289,950.73
Police-DARE Officer		5,315.31
Unpaid bills of a Prior Year		395.00
Police Cruisers		55,074.70
Police Equipment-FY99 Pagers		86.95
Police-Breathalyzer		6,690.00
Police Equipment		3,672.72

Matching Funds FY97 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant		968.51
CIVIL DEFENSE:		
Salary	676.00	
Supplies	<u>148.39</u>	824.39
Civil Defense-Equipment		1,199.00
FOREST WARDEN:		
Salary	3959.00	
Supplies & Repairs	<u>818.62</u>	4,777.62
Out of District Fires		378.00
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:		
Labor	2,202.00	
Supplies & Repairs	1,611.40	
Tree & Stump Removal	1,328.87	
Equipment Hire	<u>8,207.98</u>	13,350.25
Dutch Elm Disease		125.00
SEALER:		
Salary	2,497.00	
Travel Salary	200.00	
Supplies	<u>26.98</u>	2,723.98
Sealer's FY99 Encumbered Expense		29.01
DOG OFFICER:		
Salary	17,560.00	
Boarding of Dogs	2,700.10	
Destroying of Dogs	484.00	
Electricity	237.95	
Travel	11.78	
Supplies	694.95	
Fuel	494.97	
Telephone	819.59	

Equipment	<u>428.96</u>	23,432.30
Dog Officer FY99 Encumbered Exp.		8,690.00
Dog Officer-Kennel Repair		128.66
GAS INSPECTOR:		1,280.00
TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:		168.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSES:		
Salary	5,374.97	
Professional Consultant	4,676.86	
Mileage/Dues	<u>861.82</u>	10,913.65
Conservation Commission-Maintenance & Improvement of Land		42.16
WIRE INSPECTOR:		
Salary	9,288.23	
Travel Salary	262.00	
Office Expense	<u>100.00</u>	9,650.23
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:		818.78
PARKING CLERK EXPENSES:		191.51
BUILDING INSPECTOR:		
Salary	36,586.96	
Postage	102.00	
Automobile Insurance	730.50	
Miscellaneous	<u>119.11</u>	37,538.57
Demolition of Unsafe Structures		9,316.00
TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		<u>1,487,731.03</u>

HEALTH & SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Board Salaries	9,330.00	
Clerical	17,963.52	
Travel Salary	1,800.00	
Office Expenses & Supplies	340.96	
Travel/Mileage	307.26	
Equipment	<u>399.00</u>	30,140.74
Clinics		1,290.18
Emergency Fund		209.69
Vital Statistics		404.00
Milk Inspector- Salary	448.00	
Travel Salary	<u>63.00</u>	511.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:		
Salary	5,210.80	
Travel Salary	262.00	
Telephone	<u>223.30</u>	5,696.10
ANIMAL INSPECTOR:		1,406.00
FY00 Valley Human Services		3,750.00
Valley Human Services FY99 Encumbered Expense		1,250.00
WASTE REMOVAL:		
Municipal Solid Waste Removal		9021.72
Recycling/Scrap Metal		938.99
Groundwater Monitoring		8,540.00

GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:

Repairs	10,880.56	
Trunkmain Cleaning	2,212.76	
Supplies	143.55	
Equipment Hire	<u>204.89</u>	13,441.76

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Superintendent's Salary	41,692.28	
Salaries	272,857.99	
Overtime	28,841.55	
Chemicals	48,197.70	
Telephone	5,328.87	
Electricity	142,489.69	
Fuel	14,863.04	
Equipment Maintenance	106,706.26	
CSO Maintenance/Equipment	38,109.53	
Lab Supplies	23,051.56	
Miscellaneous Supplies	2,780.99	
Clothing	2,250.00	
Administrative Costs-		
Sewer User Fees	2,438.33	
Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	8,201.88	
Water	1,032.25	
Dues/Travel	1,908.32	
Medical	446.25	
Quaboag Co-op Project	160.00	
Pretreatment Program	<u>5,915.57</u>	747,272.06

Federal & State Mandates	1,980.00
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Wastewater Treatment Plant-	
Sludge Disposal	192,009.22

Wastewater Treatment Plant	
FY99 Encumbered Retro Salary	867.04

Wastewater Treatment Plant	
FY98 Encumbered Expense	16,000.00

Wastewater Treatment Plant	
FY99 Encumbered Expense	25,000.00

TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION

1,059,728.50

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAY SALARIES:

Superintendent's Salary	49,702.08	
Clerical	15,208.17	
Labor	296,160.13	
Overtime	15,048.11	376,118.49

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:

Gas/Oil/Fuel	12,084.90	
Lights/Heat/Power/Water/Sewer	1,664.13	
Diesel Fuel Tax	1,579.39	
Office Expense	22.00	
Supplies/Equipment/Repairs	25,841.91	
Painting Center Lines on		
Roads/Crosswalks	13,566.46	
Clothing Allowance	4,200.00	
Town Barn Maintenance	127.20	
Rain & Safety Equipment	377.87	
Medical	1,896.35	
Central Purchasing-Gasoline	43,933.96	105,294.17

Highway Copier		1,734.45
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STREET SIGNS & TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

Electricity	6,910.51	
Repairs	5,158.49	12,069.00

MAINTENANCE OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS:

3,935.17

SIDEWALKS AND CURBS-GENERAL MAINTENANCE:

Concrete/Bituminous Material		1,995.55
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SURFACE TREATMENT OF STREETS WITH
BITUMINOUS MATERIAL:

Gravel/Sand	749.86	
Concrete Bituminous Materials	<u>7,083.36</u>	7,833.22

SNOW & ICE CONTROL: 88,346.96

STREET LIGHTING: 75,814.39

TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS	<u>673,141.40</u>
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CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Veterans' Agent Salary	11,457.68	
Dues	35.00	
Postage	214.30	
Hospital/Medical/Dental	1,229.62	
Ordinary Allowances	67,372.22	
Emergency Provisions/Clothing	220.93	
Emergency Rent/Fuel/Utilities	1,090.53	
Travel	1,028.49	
Miscellaneous	<u>367.39</u>	83,016.16

Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year-
Veterans Benefits 1,228.82

Veterans Benefits FY99
Encumbered Expense 806.45

TOTAL FOR CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS	<u>85,051.43</u>
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:

Administration - Salaries	252,485.45
Administration - Expenses	73,017.32
Instruction - Salaries	7,091,875.85

Encumbered Teacher Salaries	1,082,231.51	
Instruction - Expenses	611,698.38	
Health	97,950.28	
Custodians	321,284.80	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	715,186.15	
Transportation	557,278.06	
Tuition	931,650.40	
Encumbered School Expenses	123,772.89	
Other Services	51,889.81	
Athletics	<u>37,929.93</u>	11,948,250.83
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District		710,222.00
TOTAL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS		<u>12,658,472.83</u>
<u>LIBRARY</u>		
Palmer Public Library		619,920.00
Library Photocopier		11,400.00
Matching Funds-Public Library Construction Program		9,700.00
TOTAL FOR LIBRARY		<u>641,020.00</u>

PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

PARKS:

Superintendent's Salary	49,328.20
Clerical	2,467.17
Overtime	8,991.37
Summer Help	14,958.29
Labor	159,577.65
Truck Repairs/Expenses	6,715.45

Supplies/Repairs	21,214.19	
Gas/Oil	1,350.70	
Electricity/Water	3,846.18	
Fertilizer/Grass Seed/Mulch	3,476.43	
Clothing Allowance	<u>1,750.00</u>	273,675.63
Equipment-Rotary Mower		2,500.00
Fence Replacement-Legion Field		15,000.00
Pee Wee Park Maintenance		3,646.47
Nick Laviolette Park Maintenance		3,163.15
New Burleigh Park Maintenance		2,929.05
Maintenance of School Grounds		13,951.60
Bondsville Park Maintenance		1,733.10
Maintenance-Shaw St. Property		2,035.70
RECREATION:		
Salaries	27,693.40	
Transportation	5,444.04	
Supplies/Equipment/Telephone	<u>3,027.89</u>	36,165.33
FY00 Pee Wee Baseball Midget League		2,200.00
FY00 Palmer Cowboy Football Team		2,200.00
FY00 Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League		2,199.55
FY00 Palmer Kickers Soccer Association		2,200.00
FY00 Palmer Stripers Swim Club		2,194.35
FY00 Palmer Youth Basketball		2,200.00
FY00 Palmer Pony Baseball League		2,200.00
FY00 Palmer Girls Fast Pitch Softball		1,618.25

FY00 Palmer Suburban Basketball Assoc.	2,200.00
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:	2,398.57
Millennium Committee	209.61
TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS	<hr/> 376,620.36

CEMETERIES

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:

Labor	58,217.95	
On-Call Summer Labor	7,381.32	
Salary of Secretary	2,760.59	
Truck Maintenance	1,087.88	
Electricity/Water	526.46	
General Supplies/Repairs	11,302.86	
Clothing Allowance	500.00	
Fertilizer/Lime/Loam	1,598.73	
Miscellaneous	969.63	
Building Maintenance	1,775.50	
Tree Pruning/Removal	1,590.00	
Oil & Fuel	606.20	
Alarm System	220.00	
Fence Maintenance	12,782.25	
Road Maintenance	<hr/> 3,121.00	104,440.37
Cemetery Dept.-FY99 Encumbered Exp.		6,882.75
TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES		<hr/> 111,323.12

PENSIONS

County Retirement Assessment	509,850.00
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TOTAL FOR PENSIONS

509,850.00

INSURANCE

Group Health Insurance	1,858,130.25	
Group Life Insurance	10,222.80	
General Insurance	175,601.07	
Medicare Tax	104,319.37	
Unemployment Insurance	33,618.49	2,181,891.98

TOTAL FOR INSURANCE

2,181,891.98

UNCLASSIFIED

TOWN REPORTS 9,408.00

HAZARDOUS WASTE: 4,400.00

TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED

13,808.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

INTEREST:

School Building Project	1,364,641.25	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue	4,712.50	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	6,075.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue III	5,720.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue IV	1,050.00	
Multi-Purpose V BAN	24,322.50	
Multi-Purpose VI BAN	116,863.69	
Chapter 90-Highway	1,131.94	1,524,516.88

MATURING DEBT:

Multi-Purpose Bond Issue	145,000.00
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School Building Project	1,640,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	40,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue III	110,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue IV	40,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue V	<u>105,000.00</u>	2,080,000.00

TOTAL FOR INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT		<u>3,604,516.88</u>
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STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	27,932.00	
State Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	16,020.00	
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	1,808.10	
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control District	2,471.00	
Chapter 766-Special Education	4,538.00	
School Choice	51,760.00	
Criminal Justice Training Council	<u>1,800.00</u>	106,329.10

TOTAL FOR STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		<u>106,329.10</u>
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REFUNDS

Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	41,925.06	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	16,038.33	
Sewer User Fees	<u>17,315.38</u>	75,278.77

TOTAL FOR REFUNDS		<u>75,278.77</u>
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<u>WARRANTS PAYABLE</u>		270,580.08
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AGENCY

Tuition of State Wards	102,177.00
Millennium Committee Receipts	594.00

State Receipts Due District	466.71	
Departmental Receipts Due Municipal		
Public Access Television	47,500.00	
State COLA Due Non-Contributory		
Pensioner	1,499.94	
State Reimbursement due Collector	1,728.00	
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding	1,559,597.24	
State Withholding	654,935.45	
County Retirement	364,856.17	
Group Health Insurance	438,380.19	
Group Life Insurance	15,497.00	
Group Life Insurance-Voluntary	12,545.26	
Medicare Tax	105,295.65	
Deferred Income	103,218.16	
Adjustment to Net	21,150.00	
School Annuities	1,082,753.34	
Police Dues	6,360.00	
Police Dispatcher Dues	1,360.00	
Defined Contribution Plan	39,356.78	
Disability Insurance	38,587.37	
Universal Life Insurance	10,790.74	
Administration Dues	9,719.50	
Credit Union	88,284.00	
Highway Dues	<u>2,808.84</u>	4,709,461.34
TOTAL FOR AGENCY		<u>4,709,461.34</u>

TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND	<u>29,569,931.51</u>
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:

Fire Safety Grant	1,500.00	
Septic System Repairs Loan Program	8,000.00	
MRF Advisory Board Grant	<u>602.70</u>	10,102.70

PLANNING BOARD:

Application Review Fees		18,544.79
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COUNCIL ON AGING:

Greater Springfield Senior Services- Title IIIB		12,859.80
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Wetlands By-Law Filing Fee	6,438.25	
Special Maintenance Account	<u>2,129.88</u>	8,568.13

STATE GRANTS:

Community Development Block Grant	363,529.07	
Community Development Action Grant	<u>84,209.56</u>	447,738.63

TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT

497,814.05

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

1998 Narcotics Task Force Grant	10,149.69	
1999 Narcotics Task Force Grant	24,193.77	

1995 Community Policing Grant	12.23	
1997 Community Policing Grant	25.29	
1998 Community Policing Grant	60.49	
1999 Community Policing Grant	7,893.19	
2000 Community Policing Grant	19,694.63	
Law Enforcement Block Grant	41,014.40	
Bullet Proof Vests	3,156.00	
DARE Gift Account	3,000.00	
FY00 Dare Grant	9,700.00	
Cops In Schools	<u>7,905.45</u>	126,805.14

TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	<u>126,805.14</u>
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HIGHWAYS

Anticipation of State Reimbursement Loan	348,656.42
State Aid to Highway Construction- Chapter 11 Acts of 1997	83,263.72
State Aid to Highway Construction- Chapter 113B	147,788.19
TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS	<u>579,708.33</u>

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:

School Lunch - Salaries/Expenses	490,529.72
School Athletics	19,492.19
Use of Facilities	25,201.27
Lost Text Book Account	291.48
Summer School	3,100.00
Revolving Tuition	45,127.36
Revolving Medicaid	55,778.79
Revolving Student Activity Fund	235,425.00
School Choice Tuition	15,047.83

Gift Account	85.00	
Learning Together Program	1,660.00	
Title I	174,602.78	
FY99 Title VI Restore	1,200.00	
FY00 Title VI Restore	12,368.27	
FY99 PALMS Project	2,436.00	
Academic Support Service	29,630.00	
FY99 SPED Curriculum Frameworks	8,683.70	
G2000 Induction Year	5,282.83	
FY00 SPED Allocation	185,282.30	
Summer Content Institute Program	25,890.27	
Technical Literacy Challenge	1,100.00	
Enhanced School Health	223.48	
FY00 Smoking Cessation	33,532.63	
Drug Free Schools	6,180.37	
FY00 School Quest Alliance	1,137.21	
FY99 Smoking Cessation	15,246.29	
FY99 SPED Allocation APC	38,518.60	
FY99 SPED Early Childhood	3,506.65	
FY00 SPED Early Childhood	24,788.46	
FY00 SPED Curriculum Frameworks	4,053.00	
School Class Size Reduction Program	35,403.87	
FY00 Teacher Training Math & Science	3,479.45	
FY00 Technical Training & Professional Development	8,151.00	
FY99 Teacher Training Math & Science	8,175.38	
Technical Training & Professional Development	17,554.35	1,538,165.53

TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS

1,538,165.53

HEALTH & SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH

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10,460.00

TOTAL FOR HEALTH & SANITATION

10,460.00

LIBRARY

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Local Arts Lottery Council	11,765.17
FY98 Library Incentive Grant	52.07
FY00 Library Incentive Grant	5,145.64
FY98 Municipal Equalization Grant	410.19
FY99 Municipal Equalization Grant	5,404.01
FY99 Non-Resident Circulation Offset Grant	<u>10,031.55</u>

TOTAL FOR LIBRARY

32,808.63

UNCLASSIFIED

Insurance Reimbursements for Damages to Town Property	7,819.99
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TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED

7,819.99

BID BOND 7,000.00

STREET ENTRANCE BONDS-ESCROW 5,400.00

STREET EXCAVATION BONDS-ESCROW 6,000.00

WARRANTS PAYABLE 25,417.94

AGENCY

Police-Off Duty Work Detail	92,889.50	
Firearms Licensing Fees	<u>16,148.43</u>	109,037.93

TOTAL FOR AGENCY

109,037.93

TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - SPECIAL
REVENUE FUND

2,946,437.54

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Voting Machines	23,000.00	
Voting Booths	<u>7,960.00</u>	30,960.00

TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>30,960.00</u>
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE

Police Department-4 Wheel Drive SUV	36,000.00
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TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY	<u>36,000.00</u>
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Department-Brush Cutter with Snow Blower	90,000.00
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TOTAL FOR HIGHWAY	<u>90,000.00</u>
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HEALTH & SANITATION

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:

Phase II CSO	7,767.73
Roof Repair	10,287.50
Sludge Room Roof	939.65
Monet St. Sewer	3,010.56
CSO Project	99,376.34
Wastewater Treatment Plant 4X4 Pickup Truck	28,313.00

Wastewater Treatment Plant Removal/ Replacement Underground Storage Tank	111,366.11	
Wastewater Treatment Plant Roof Replacement	<u>118,213.15</u>	379,274.04

TOTAL FOR HEALTH & SANITATION		<u>379,274.04</u>
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:		
School Building Project	183,593.94	
Old Mill Pond Playground	<u>9,322.74</u>	192,916.68

TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS		<u>192,916.68</u>
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<u>PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS:</u>		
Park Department-Bat Wing Mower	61,604.20	
Legion Field Lights	<u>5,901.36</u>	67,505.56

TOTAL FOR PARKS,RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS		<u>67,505.56</u>
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<u>TEMPORARY LOANS</u>		
Bond Anticipation Loan		
Multi-Purpose VII		3,116,365.00

TOTAL FOR TEMPORARY LOANS		<u>3,116,365.00</u>
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WARRANTS PAYABLE		2,895,632.53
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TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		<u>6,808,653.81</u>
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TRUST FUNDS

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE:

Law Enforcement Trust Fund	8,517.41
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TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY	<hr/> 8,517.41
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:

M. Slesinski Memorial Scholarship Fund	463.17
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TOTAL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS	<hr/> 463.17
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TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - TRUST FUNDS	<hr/> 8,980.58
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TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - ALL FUNDS	<hr/> 39,334,003.44
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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS,
EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES-GENERAL FUND
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2000

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
SELECTMEN:				
Board Salaries	9609.00	9609.00		
Executive Secretary Salary	56345.40	56345.40		
Clerical	30944.00	29733.60	1210.40	
Selectmen Travel Salary	1100.00	1100.00		
Procurement Officer Salary	2600.00	1800.00	800.00	
Selectmen Emergency				
Clerical	1000.00	241.50	758.50	
Other Expenses	19682.00	19305.78	376.22	
Contingent Account	76.00	40.00	36.00	
Audit of Municipal Account	14000.00	14000.00		
Maintenance & Disposal of				
Vacant School Buildings	1608.00	1256.28	351.72	
Matching Funds-1999				
Transportation Demand				
Mgmt. Grant Program	19100.00			19,100.00
Bondsville School Site				
Development	4032.09	1884.00		2148.09
Update of Town Code	2253.05	500.00		1753.05
Eminent Domain Taking-				
Walnut St	1.00			1.00
Paratransit Transportation				
Service	25000.00			25000.00
Land Purchase - Tessier	1300.00			1300.00
Cable Television Franchise				
Negotiations	3500.00	2500.00		1000.00
Right of Way-West Warren	2.00			2.00
Land Purchase-Sasur				
Property	1.00			1.00
Architect/Consultant				
Police Station and Town				
Building	50000.00			50000.00
Three Rivers Flood Control				
Project	14061.63	14061.63		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
Maintenance of Depot Village Park	800.00	207.31	592.69	
Topographical Survey/ Design-Three Rivers Pk.	7500.00			7500.00
ACCOUNTANT:				
Salary	41627.00	41627.00		
Assistant Salary	20652.00	20651.80	0.20	
Other Expenses	1118.00	984.48	133.52	
TREASURER:				
Salary	7272.00	7272.00		
Clerical	40865.95	40676.82	189.13	
Other Expenses	15555.00	7176.53	8378.47	
Tax Title Foreclosures	4364.47			4364.47
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year	1000.00	1000.00		
COLLECTOR:				
Salary	41327.00	41327.00		
Clerical	42805.00	38522.92	4282.08	
Other Expenses	12998.90	11872.62	1126.28	
Collector's Equipment	650.00	600.00	50.00	
TOWN CLERK:				
Salary	41327.00	41327.00		
Town Clerk Longevity	300.00	300.00		
Clerical	24569.00	24568.40	0.60	
Emergency Clerical	1000.00	1000.00		
Other Expenses	5271.00	5097.13	173.87	
Restoration of Town Records	2500.00			2500.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:				
Registrars' Salaries/Clerk	4321.00	4032.65	288.35	
Clerical	11395.00	11395.00		
Election Officers	9200.00	5991.00	3209.00	
Other Expenses	9629.00	9243.23	385.77	
Elec. & Regis. Encumbered Expense-FY00	3500.00			3500.00

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
ASSESSORS:				
Salary	9152.00	9152.00		
Assistant Salary	36159.56	36159.56		
Clerical	33006.00	23578.14	9427.86	
Other Expenses	7007.00	6761.65	245.35	
Revaluation of Properties	76178.14	16372.00		59806.14
Mapping	5125.35	22.00		5103.35
Assessors Encumbered Expense-FY00	351.43			351.43
LAW & CLAIMS:				
Town Counsel Salary	20800.00	20800.00		
Associate Town Counsel	18219.62	10084.20	8135.42	
Law & Claims/Special Legal Services	64832.57	61711.77	3120.80	
Law & Claims Encumbered Expense-FY99	11164.98	11164.98		
MCAD Litigation	90000.00			90000.00
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year	6174.09	6174.09		
LICENSE COMMISSION:				
Clerk	500.00	500.00		
Travel Salary	910.00	854.67	55.33	
Expenses	188.00	104.80	83.20	
MEMORIAL HALL:				
Custodian's Salary	6053.00	5587.20	465.80	
Other Expenses	9039.79	8146.33	893.46	
PALMER TOWN BUILDING:				
Custodian	19136.00	19136.00		
Expenses	23094.74	20729.61	2365.13	
Palmer Town Bldg. Maint. Fund/Gen. Repairs	10404.00	5403.07	5000.93	
Palmer Town Bldg. Encumbered Exp.-FY99	3685.56	507.52	3178.04	
Maint. & General Repair Encumbered Exp.-FY99	4850.95		4850.95	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
ENGINEERING:				
Consulting Engineer	10000.00	114.00	9886.00	
FINANCE COMMITTEE:				
Salary of Recording Secretary	1545.00	793.36	751.64	
Other Expenses	859.00		859.00	
PLANNING BOARD:				
Clerical	28200.00	28200.00		
Emergency Clerical	1000.00		1000.00	
Court Salary	500.00		500.00	
Other Expenses	11465.25	10759.55	705.70	
Upgrade Zoning Map Planning Board	10364.03	3943.38		6420.65
Consulting Engineer- FY00 Encumbered Exp.	5954.39			5954.39
BOARD OF APPEALS:				
Recording Secretary	3964.48	3044.94	919.54	
Expenses	152.00		152.00	
Consulting Engineer	1000.00		1000.00	
COMPUTER SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION:				
Computer Maint. Salary	9401.00	9401.00		
Computer Maint. Agreement	25400.00	24032.25	1367.75	
Computer Supplies	10715.00	10715.00		
Computer Supplies FY99 Encumbered Exp.	4975.98	4806.64	169.34	
Computer Conversion/ Upgrade	748.20			748.20
Computer Equipment- GIS System	5000.00	3500.00		1500.00
Computer Upgrade & Training	22000.00	2555.99		19444.01
Computer Equipment- Town Server	10000.00	9942.49	57.51	
Computer Supplies- Encumbered Exp.-FY99	4975.98	4806.64	169.34	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
Computer Expense-FY00				
Encumbered Expense	752.34			752.34
Assessor's Computer				
Equipment	25000.00	22725.05		2274.95
COUNCIL ON AGING:				
Salary of Director	29010.80	29010.80		
Drivers' Salaries	23781.00	23780.80	0.20	
Substitute Drivers	1040.00		1040.00	
Clerical	6175.00	6100.92	74.08	
Expenses	2171.00	1932.50	238.50	
Greater Spfld. Senior Ser.	5000.00	1343.00	3657.00	
PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
Professional Consultant	9700.00	3659.94	6040.06	
Clerical	2500.00	500.00	2000.00	
Recording Secretary	750.00	60.00	690.00	
Surveying Costs	1800.00			1800.00
Feasibility Study	11000.00	2800.00		8200.00
Maint. Industrial Park	5329.60	5329.60		
Legal Expenses	8100.00	6267.44	1832.56	
Rent	4800.00	3600.00	1200.00	
MODERATOR:	215.00	215.00		
CENTRAL PURCHASING:	20012.01	19879.00	133.01	
CENTRAL PURCHASING - TELEPHONE	45858.03	45716.37	141.66	
CENTRAL PURCHASING- POSTAGE	25073.86	24598.03	475.83	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY				
POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
Chief of Police	63060.77	63060.77		
Salaries	995206.72	993353.14	1853.58	
Overtime	205530.10	202950.50	2579.60	
DARE Officer	2000.00	1327.50	672.50	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
Other Expenses	73538.29	64255.93	9282.36	
Auxiliary Police Expenses	1125.00		1125.00	
Police Cruisers	56000.00	55074.70	925.30	
Police Equipment-Pagers/ Software	4900.00	3672.72		1227.28
Police Equipment-FY99 Pagers	1115.53	86.95		1028.58
911 Communications Sys.	431.25			431.25
Police-Matching Funds Law Enforcement Block Grant	4397.00			4397.00
Police-Matching Funds Law- FY97	1416.00	968.51		447.49
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Yr.	360.00	360.00		
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Yr. Other Expenses	35.00	35.00		
 CIVIL DEFENSE:				
Salary	676.00	676.00		
Other Expenses	150.00	148.39	1.61	
Equipment	1200.00	1199.00	1.00	
 FOREST WARDEN:				
Salary	3959.00	3959.00		
Other Expenses	2439.00	818.62	1620.38	
Out of District Fires	1917.00	378.00	1539.00	
 FORESTRY:				
Labor	2202.00	2202.00		
Other Expenses	12540.00	11148.25	1391.75	
Gypsy Moth Control	9358.36			9358.36
Dutch Elm Disease	2000.00	125.00	1875.00	
Insect Pest Control	521.00		521.00	
 SEALER:				
Salary	2497.00	2497.00		
Travel Salary	500.00	200.00	300.00	
Expenses	100.00	26.98	73.02	
Sealers Encumbered Exp.- FY99	29.01	29.01		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
DOG OFFICER:				
Salary	17560.00	17560.00		
Other Expenses	10146.00	5872.30	4273.70	
Kennel Repair	534.50	128.66		405.84
Encumbered Exp. FY99	9176.52	8690.00	486.52	
GAS INSPECTOR:				
Salary	6000.00	1280.00	4720.00	
Expenses	294.00		294.00	
TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:	175.00	168.00	7.00	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:				
Salary of Clerk	6194.76	5374.97	819.79	
Expenses	7131.00	7038.68	92.32	
Maint.& Improve. of Land	4193.00	42.16		4150.84
FY00 Encumbered Exp.	1500.00			1500.00
WIRE INSPECTOR:				
Salary	12130.97	9919.20	2211.77	
Travel Salary	262.00	262.00		
Expenses	398.00	100.00	298.00	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:				
Expenses	819.00	818.78	0.22	
BUILDING INSPECTOR:				
Salary	36586.96	36586.96		
Vacation Replacement	600.00		600.00	
Expenses	1010.00	951.61	58.39	
DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE STRUCTURES	14334.71	9316.00		5018.71
PARKING CLERK	899.00	191.51	707.49	
HEALTH AND SANITATION				
BOARD OF HEALTH:				
Board Salaries	9330.00	9330.00		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
Travel Salary	1800.00	1800.00		
Clerical	17968.00	17963.52	4.48	
Expenses	1213.00	648.22	564.78	
Clinics	3300.00	2360.18	939.82	
Equipment	400.00	399.00	1.00	
Emergency Fund	2000.00	209.69	1790.31	
MILK INSPECTOR:				
Salary	448.00	448.00		
Travel Salary	63.00	63.00		
ANIMAL INSPECTOR:				
Salary	1406.00	1406.00		
Travel Salary	268.00		268.00	
VITAL STATISTICS:	497.00	404.00	93.00	
VERMIN CONTROL:				
Salary	734.00		734.00	
Travel Salary	100.00		100.00	
Expenses	346.00		346.00	
QUABOAG VALLEY HUMAN SERVICES	5000.00	5000.00		
Quaboag Valley Human Services-Encumbered Exp.- FY99	1250.00	1250.00		
Quaboag Valley Human Services-Encumbered Exp.- FY00	1250.00			1250.00
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:				
Salary	9619.00	5210.80	4408.20	
Travel Salary	262.00	262.00		
Expenses	754.00	223.30	530.70	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
SANITARY LANDFILL:				
Recycling Account	1111.01	1025.00	86.01	
Sanitary Landfill Closure	7643.55			7643.55
Maint. Of Cap	4000.00		4000.00	
Municipal Solid Waste	10000.00	9021.72	978.28	
Groundwater Monitoring	21500.00	8540.00	12960.00	
GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:				
	11229.00	11229.00		
SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:				
	3216.00	2212.76	1003.24	
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:				
Superintendent Salary	41692.28	41692.28		
Salaries	298994.00	273507.99	25486.01	
Overtime	35000.00	28841.55	6158.45	
Encumbered Retro Salary- FY99	867.04	867.04		
Expenses	451276.51	403996.75	47279.76	
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year- W.W.T.P.	1366.20			1366.20
Quaboag Co-op Project	2500.00	160.00	2340.00	
W.W.T.P.-Encumbered Expense-FY98	16000.00	16000.00		
W.W.T.P.-Encumbered Expense-FY99	25000.00	25000.00		
Sludge Removal	200000.00	192009.22	7990.78	
State & Federal Mandates	5000.00	1980.00	3020.00	
HIGHWAYS & SIDEWALKS				
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:				
Superintendent-Salary	49702.08	49702.08		
Clerical	15209.00	15208.17	0.83	
Labor	317484.28	296170.41	21313.87	
Overtime	15682.00	15048.11	633.89	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:	107172.36	105858.53	1313.83	
COPIER MAINTENANCE	1734.45	1734.45		
STREET SIGNS:	12119.28	12069.00	50.28	
Highway Department Extend- a-Hoe 4 Wheel Drive	3178.56			3178.56
MAINT.R.R. CROSSINGS	9427.65	9268.82	158.83	
SURFACE TREATMENT:	14833.22	14833.22		
SNOW REMOVAL	40482.81	88529.77		-48046.96
STREET LIGHTING	82393.00	75814.39	6578.61	
GENERAL SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE	12226.00	1995.55	10230.45	
Eminent Domain Proceedings- Mason St.-5/20/96	936.00			936.00
Eminent Domain Proceedings- Mason St.	1029.00			1029.00
Eminent Domain Proceedings- Nipmuck St.	840.00			840.00
Eminent Domain Taking- Mass.Turnpike	3500.00			3500.00
Emergency Repairs- Town Easement	1300.00			1300.00
Reconstruction of Mason St., Precinct A-Art. 6, STM 6/8/	405.87			405.87

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
Reconstruction of Mason St. Art.24 ATM 6/5/89	964.47			964.47
Retaining Wall/Repair Sidewalk-North St.	7200.00			7200.00

VETERANS DEPARTMENT

VETERANS DEPARTMENT:

Veterans Agent Salary	11457.68	11457.68		
Veterans Benefits	79466.00	71029.30	8436.70	
Veterans Other Expenses	1650.00	1645.18	4.82	
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year- Veterans Benefits	1228.82	1228.82		
Veterans Benefits- Encumbered Expense-FY	806.45	806.45		

EDUCATION & LIBRARIES

PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

Encumbered Salaries	2306746.40	1082231.51		1224514.89
Operation & Maintenance	12371140.07	12371140.07		
School Expenses				
Encumbered FY99	134607.60	123772.89	10834.71	
School Expenses				
Encumbered FY00	363423.68			363423.68
School Zone Lights	10300.00			10300.00
Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School	710222.00	710222.00		

PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Public Library Repairs	250.00			250.00
Public Library Photocopier	11400.00	11400.00		
Matching Funds-Ma. Public Library Const. Program	20000.00	9700.00		10300.00

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS				
PARK DEPARTMENT:				
Superintendent Salary	49328.20	49328.20		
Labor	162495.00	159577.65	2917.35	
Clerical	3500.00	2467.17	1032.83	
Overtime	12221.54	11212.91	1008.63	
Summer Help	15000.00	14958.29	41.71	
Expenses	38473.30	38443.25	30.05	
Maintenance of School Grounds	14145.00	13951.60	193.40	
Pee Wee Park Maint.	3690.00	3646.47	43.53	
Nick Laviolette Field	3177.00	3163.15	13.85	
Maintenance - New Burleigh Park	3075.00	2929.05	145.95	
Maintenance-Bondsville Park	2050.00	1733.10	316.90	
Maintenance-Shaw St. Property	2050.00	2035.70	14.30	
Equipment-Rotary Motor	2500.00	2500.00		
Removal of Running Track	1046.03			1046.03
Walter Chase Mem.Park	710.88			710.88
Fence Replacement- Legion Field	15000.00	15000.00		
RECREATION DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries	28070.00	27693.40	376.60	
Other Expenses	10650.00	10650.00		
Recreation FY00 Encumbered Expense	2178.07			2178.07
Pee Wee Midget Baseball	2200.00	2200.00		
Palmer Cowboy Football	2200.00	2200.00		
Lil' Girls Softball	2200.00	2199.55	0.45	
Kickers Soccer Association	2200.00	2200.00		
Stripers Swim Club	2200.00	2194.35	5.65	
Youth Basketball	2200.00	2200.00		
Pony Baseball	2200.00	2200.00		
Suburban Metro Girls Fast Pitch Softball	2200.00	1618.25	581.75	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
Suburban Basketball Assn.	2200.00	2200.00		
CELEBRATIONS:				
Memorial Day Observance	2747.00	2398.57	348.43	
Millennium Committee	1186.65	209.61	977.04	

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:

Labor	58665.00	58217.95	447.05	
Salary of Secretary	3328.00	2760.59	567.41	
Summer Laborer	8000.00	7381.32	618.68	
Other Expenses	36503.00	36080.51	422.49	
Cemetery Dept.				
Encumbered Exp. FY99	7938.20	6882.75		1055.45
Cemetery-Mower,				
Leaf Blower	889.55			889.55
Cemetery-Storage Shed	750.00			750.00

PENSIONS

County Retirement				
Assessment	549011.00	545575.00	3436.00	

GENERAL INSURANCE

General Insurance	564644.15	293973.09		270671.06
Health Insurance	1888000.00	1858130.25	29869.75	
Life Insurance	14546.20	10269.00	4277.20	
Unemployment Insurance	40188.24	38316.49	1871.75	
Medicare Tax	116977.79	105297.16	11680.63	

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Reports	10763.00	9408.00	1355.00	
Hazardous Waste Removal	403.76			403.76
Hazardous Waste Expense	9832.00	4400.00	5432.00	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT				
INTEREST:				
Abated Taxes	2500.00		2500.00	
Chapter 90, Highway	20000.00	1131.94	18868.06	
School Building Project	1364642.00	1364641.25	0.75	
Multi Purpose Bond Issue	4713.00	4712.50	0.50	
Multi Purpose Bond Issue I	6075.00	6075.00		
Multi Purpose Bond Issue III	5940.00	5720.00	220.00	
Multi Purpose Bond Issue IV	1050.00	1050.00		
Multi Purpose Bond V BAN	30593.00	30592.50	0.50	
Multi Purpose Bond VI BAN	24323.00	24322.50	0.50	
	116863.69	116863.69		
PRINCIPAL:				
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue	145000.00	145000.00		
School Building Project	1640000.00	1640000.00		
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	40000.00	40000.00		
Multi Purpose Bond Issue III	110000.00	110000.00		
Multi Purpose Bond Issue IV	40000.00	40000.00		
Multi Purpose Bond Issue V	105000.00	105000.00		
Multi Purpose Bond Issue VI	80000.00	47883.13	32116.87	
	29014309.24	26361829.47	435929.31	2216550.48

* Includes transfer to other accounts

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Streetscape Improvements	30000.00			30000.00
Streetscape Improvements	30000.00			30000.00
Voting Machines	30000.00	23000		7000.00
Voting Booths	10080.00	7960.00		2120.00
Town Bldg. Parking Lot	50000.00			50000.00
Town Bldg. Ventilization	1660.00			1660.00
Police Dept. 4-Wheel Drive SUV	36000.00	36000.00		
School Building Project	531968.42	183593.94		348374.48
Old Mill Pond Playground	23132.47	9322.74		13809.73
Legion Field Lights	6000.00	5901.36		98.64
Monet St. Sewer Line	4000.00	3010.56		989.44
Hwy. Dept. Brush Cutter with Snow Blower	90000.00	90000.00		
Hwy. Dept. 5 Yd. Dump Truck	13477.00			13477.00
Hwy. Dept. 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck	1538.03			1538.03
Sanitary Landfill Plase I Closeout Acct.	1392.04			1392.04
Sanitary Landfill Closeout	3802.15			3802.15
Emery St. Landfill Closing	252415.23			252415.23
State St. Landfill Closing	5713.42			5713.42
Purchase/Eminent Domain Taking Emery St.	45000.00			45000.00
Aeration System Improvements Project	3884.51			3884.51
W.W.T.P. Phase II CSO	7772.32	7767.73		4.59
W.W.T.P. CSO Project	100000.00	99376.34		623.66
Reconstruction of Sewers & Sewer System	41385.56			41385.56
Sewer Overflow Facility	5158.89			5158.89
Palmer Public Library Roof	55.00			55.00
Palmer Town Bldg Roof Repairs	140.00			140.00

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
Dewatering System Improvements	35244.84			35244.84
Industrial Pretreatment Program ATM 5/95	135.90			135.90
W.W.T.P. Three Belt Press	37866.45			37866.45
W.W.T.P. Sludge Room Roof	939.65	939.65		
W.W.T.P. Roof Repair	10287.50	10287.50		
W.W.T.P. 4X4 Pickup	29000.00	28313.00		687.00
W.W.T.P. Remove/ Replace Underground Tank	125000.00	111366.11		13633.89
W.W.T.P. Roof Replacement	134000.00	118213.15		15786.85
Cemetery Dept.Storage Building	20000.00			20000.00
Palmer Public Library	607.60			607.60
Park Dept.-3/4 Ton Pickup Truck	952.08			952.08
Park Dept.-16' Batwing Mower	65000.00	61604.20		3395.80
	1783609.06	796656.28		986952.78

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2000

Maturity Fiscal Year	1992 Multi-Purpose II Bond Issue	1997 Multi-Purpose V Bond Issue	2000 Multi-Purpose VI Bond Issue	1990 Palmer School Building Project	Total
2001	40,000	100,000	180,000	1,770,000	2,090,000
2002	25,000	75,000	180,000	1,850,000	2,130,000
2003		75,000	180,000	1,945,000	2,200,000
2004		65,000	180,000	2,050,000	2,295,000
2005			165,000	2,145,000	2,310,000
2006			165,000	2,245,000	2,410,000
2007			160,000	2,345,000	2,505,000
2008			160,000	2,470,000	2,630,000
2009			160,000	2,595,000	2,755,000
2010			160,000	2,735,000	2,895,000
2011			160,000	1,325,000	1,485,000
2012			150,000		150,000
2013			145,000		145,000
2014			145,000		145,000
2015			145,000		145,000
2016			145,000		145,000
2017			145,000		145,000
2018			130,000		130,000
2019			130,000		130,000
2020			100,000		100,000
	65,000	315,000	3,085,000	23,475,000.00	26,940,000

ANNUAL REPORT
SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS

Year Ending June 30, 2000

Department	Balance 7/1/99	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/00
Planning Board- Application Review Fees	10582.68	37596.47	18544.79	29634.36
Conservation Comm.- Wetlands By-Law Filing Fee	5703.52	2130.00	6438.25	1395.27
Conservation Comm.- Special Maint. Account	3810.92	0.00	2129.88	1681.04
Historical Comm.- Maintenance Fund	22028.00	1930.61	0.00	23958.61
Board of Health-Perc Tests	3690.00	13150.00	10460.00	6380.00
Gift Accounts:				
Town Building	1.27	100.00	0.00	101.27
Dog Officer	155.57	0.00	0.00	155.57
Memorial Hall	10.42	0.00	0.00	10.42
Parks Dept.	22.95	0.00	0.00	22.95
Police Dept.	480.00	0.00	0.00	480.00
DARE Gift	101.42	3300.00	3000.00	401.42
Council on Aging	72.48	0.00	0.00	72.48
River Road St. Light	1000.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Bondsville School Site Development	204.50	0.00	0.00	204.50
Compost Bins	344.00	1312.50	0.00	1656.50
School & Town Computer	343.45	0.00	0.00	343.45
Sale of Cemetery Lots	11941.00	2450.00	0.00	14391.00
School Department: Gift Account	4896.70	170.00	85.00	4981.70

Lost Text Books	2415.62	239.44	291.48	2363.58
Athletics	376.78	21719.11	20104.19	1991.70
Use of Facilities	28223.16	23806.11	45127.36	6901.91
Summer School	904.96	3100.00	3100.00	904.96
Revolving Tuition	21188.07	30841.20	45127.36	6901.91
Middle School Gift	700.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Revolving Medicaid				
Reimbursement	19072.95	98602.00	55778.79	61896.16
Student Activity Fund	73051.79	237023.60	236930.00	73145.39
Police Department				
Off Duty Work Detail	48799.62	98504.09	92889.50	54414.21

RESERVE ACCOUNT TRANSFERS

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2000

APPROPRIATIONS (as modified): 95,000.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10/8/99	Three Rivers Flood Control Project	1,975.00
11/8/99	Unemployment Insurance	5,971.12
11/8/99	Parks-Vehicle Maintenance	2,000.00
12/13/99	Demolition of Unsafe Buildings	8,200.00
1/10/00	Cablevision Negotiations	3,500.00
1/24/00	Valley Human Services	3,657.00
2/28/00	Veterans Services-Conference	300.00
3/8/00	Unemployment Insurance	2,548.00
3/20/00	Street Signs Supplies	600.00
3/27/00	Conservation Comm.-Professional Consultant	2,400.00
3/27/00	Street Signs-Electric	2,400.00
4/10/00	Police-Overtime	10,000.00
4/18/00	Council on Aging-Repairs	405.00
4/24/00	Police-Overtime	9,000.00
4/24/00	Medicare	9,000.00
5/11/00	Street Signs-Supplies	162.28
5/30/00	Highway-Copier	172.45
5/30/00	Conservation Comm.-Professional Consultant	1,500.00
5/30/00	Park-Summer Help	3,000.00
7/10/00	PRA-Maintenance of Industrial Park	749.18
7/10/00	Unemployment Insurance	6,000.00
7/10/00	Multi-Purpose BAN VI	1,168.69
7/10/00	Highway-Central Purchasing Gas	15,000.00
7/10/00	Central Purchasing-Telephone	1,400.00
7/24/00	PRA-Maintenance of Industrial Park	80.42
7/25/00	Highway-Surface Treatment	154.22
		<hr/> 91,343.36

RESERVE FUND BALANCE - 6/30/00 3,656.64

REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

I attended two classes, one in Northampton and the other at the University of Massachusetts. These classes recognize my continuing education in the field of animal health and commitment towards the safety of the citizens and animals in my municipality.

All inspections ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129 of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been complied with and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There were 46 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs and cats known to have bitten people and animals. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after ten days.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Guzik
Animal Inspector

Wanda Guzik
Assistant Animal Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals received 14 applications for variances to meet the dimensional requirements to the Town of Palmer Zoning Bylaws for the year 2000.

The Board held public hearings on all petitions received according to the provisions of Chapter 40-A, Section 11, of the Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of the hearings, nine variances were granted, one was denied, and one was withdrawn. There were three variances with no findings and those were referred to the Planning Board, due to the new Palmer Zoning By-Laws.

Income from the Board amounted to \$325.00. These fees are collected to cover the expense of the public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Antonio Andre, Chairman
Gary Doane, Vice-Chairman
Norman Czech, Clerk

Russell Brown
Lyle Hislop
Ingrid Thompson

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations	\$26,270,183.03
Offsets	198,023.00
Deferral of Teacher's Pay	458,422.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Reg Plan Commission	1,808.10
Snow & Ice Deficits	89,648.87
Criminal Justice Training	1,800.00
Debt & Interest Charges	41,133.74
State & County Charges	40,197.00
Overlay	166,143.52

TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$27,267,359.26
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ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$13,198,440.00
Local Estimated Receipts	2,748,972.00
Other Available Funds	131,426.00
Free Cash	1,153,859.94
Teacher's Pay Deferral	420,221.00

TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$17,652,918.94
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	\$9,614,440.32
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NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED / TOTAL VALUATION = TAX RATE FY2000

\$9,614,440.32	521,107,876	=	\$18.45
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CLASSIFIED PERCENTAGES

	LEVY PERCENTAGE	LEVY BY CLASS
RESIDENTIAL	78.8806	\$7,583,929.70
OPEN SPACE	0	0
COMMERCIAL	9.3668	900,562.95
INDUSTRIAL	6.8004	653,823.72
PERSONAL PROPERTY	4.9522	476,123.95
		\$9,614,440.32

VALUATION BY CLASS

RESIDENTIAL	411,053,100
OPEN SPACE	0
COMMERCIAL	48,811,000
INDUSTRIAL	35,437,600
PERSONAL PROPERTY	25,806,176
TOTAL VALUATION	521,107,876

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Jay J. Mastalerz, Chairman
Michael J. Burns
Lawrence M. Jasak

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of my activities for the year 2000. Permits were approved, specifications reviewed and construction monitored for:

New Single Family Dwellings	37
New Commercial Buildings	2
New Condominium – 6 Unit	1
New Equipment Shelter	1
Additions to Residential Buildings	11
Additions to Commercial Buildings	1
Renovations to Residential Buildings	77
Renovations to Commercial Buildings	7
Replace Mobile Homes	6
Barns	3
Carports	4
Decks	35
Demolition	19
Garage	12
Greenhouse	1
Handicap Ramps	2
Pools – Above Ground	33
Porches	20
Roofing, Siding and Window Permits	178
Sheds	47
Signs	32
Tent	1
Wood Burning Stove Permits	26
Inspections for Specified Use Groups	24

Respectfully submitted,

Richard W. Rollet
Building Inspector

Burleigh Park Summer Recreational Program

Every summer the Burleigh Park Summer Recreational Program offers a fun, affordable day camp experience to children in Palmer. With continuation of last year's two three-week sessions, the Burleigh Park Program was able to serve a great number of children again this year. Unfortunately, this year's camp experience was greatly affected by rainy weather, which forced multiple cancellations. Despite a rain-filled summer, the Burleigh Park Program was able to offer fun-filled events to children of the community. Each session included special events such as theme days, a pizza party, a carnival, and a field trip as well as daily events such as arts and crafts, swimming, and sports.

On behalf of the entire staff at Burleigh Park, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the program. Special thanks go out to the Park Department, the Recreation Committee, the Palmer Police Department, the Palmer Fire Department, the Palmer Ambulance Service, and to all the staff at the Palmer Town Hall.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sawicki
Burleigh Park Director

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

The By-Law Committee consists of five active members. We are responsible for the development of new and the revising of existing by-laws as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. After several meetings to examine and consider all options, we then submit the by-law to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. At such time, the by-law is submitted for a vote at the next town meeting.

This past year there was no activity taken by the committee but we do continue to be available to the Board of Selectmen.

We look forward to assisting the Selectmen in the coming year and would like to express our gratitude to any department or entity for their assistance this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Frydryk
Charlann Griswold
Charles Ksieniewicz
Richard Rollet
Dennis Fountain

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Cemetery Department workers were very busy throughout the year repairing and improving the four Town cemeteries. Thank you for the many positive comments received this year on the appearance of the cemeteries. Due to the moist growing season, keeping the nearly 21 acres of lawns mowed and trees and shrubs trimmed was an enormous task, however, the end result was very rewarding.

In 2000, 33 burials were performed, 23 graves were sold and 18 foundations were installed. In addition, six veteran markers were installed. Iron fence restoration continues at Oak Knoll Cemetery. Restoring this fencing will help maintain the elegant appearance of Oak Knoll. Also, we want to thank the voters of the town for the funding of a new tractor and trailer for our department. This purchase will make the department function much more efficiently and more cost effective, both during the summer months and the winter plowing season. The Department's records are now computerized, which aids in the genealogy searches that are requested from time to time. We continue to have a through traffic problem at Oak Knoll Cemetery. Cars using the cemetery as a cut through are doing so illegally, yet the situation remains a difficult one to remedy, as keeping the gates open during the day for cemetery visitors and cemetery business is a must.

We want to thank the Pathfinder Regional High School Workforce Investment Act 2000 Program for the summer helpers furnished to us this year, Ben LaMothe and Mike Brawn. Thank you also to the Hampden County Community Service Workers. We must give credit to these people who helped make our cemeteries look so lovely this summer. Also, in closing we would like to thank the staff of the Cemetery Department for their continued commitment to the Department and the community.

The Board of Cemetery Commissioners meets monthly to conduct Commission business. The Board consists of three Commissioners each elected to serve a three-year term. Cemetery Office hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Respectfully,

BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Anthony T. Blazejowski, Jr., Chairman
Robert G. Faulkner, Acting Chairman
Frederick C. Olson, Commissioner

CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

There are four activities that the Civil Defense Department is responsible for, **MITIGATION**, **PREPAREDNESS**, **RESPONSE** and **RECOVERY**. It is the responsibility of this department to develop a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in order to protect its residents from both natural and technological hazards.

The **MITIGATION** responsibilities are such where they would eliminate or reduce the probability of a disaster. Some are short term and fairly inexpensive while others are long term and costly. An example would be for residents not to build their new home in a flood zone. When building or looking for a building lot, consult your local planning board or conservation committee to ask their opinion. These town departments are there to assist any prospective homeowner. If time allows, visit your new home site during all seasons.

PREPARE, prepare, prepare, I can't stress it enough. Before the Y2K incident many of us found out how unprepared we would be in the event of an emergency. A severe winter storm or summer flood could happen anytime. It's just good common sense to be prepared. An emergency kit in our home is extremely important if you are unable to leave. Many of us could find these items already in our homes. Gather the items, put them in a box and tuck it away for safekeeping. You should check the box every year, preferably when you change your smoke detector batteries. Make sure your supplies are not outdated and update your emergency contact numbers. Below is a list of items to be included in your emergency kit.

Battery-powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries	First Aid Kit
Prescription medicines and extra pair of glasses	Can food (can opener)
Water supply (1 gallon per person per day)	Blankets or sleeping bag
Dry clothing (store in Zip lock if possible)	Rain gear & sturdy shoes
List of your doctors and family members	Extra set of keys

The **RESPONSE** activity goes without saying. Without an emergency response team the residents would be left to their own resources. I can say, from my point of view, our response team in the Town of Palmer is phenomenal. On June 8th, 2000, the Town of Palmer in conjunction with the Town of Wilbraham, Monson and Ludlow facilitated a 4 Town Hazmat Tabletop Exercise. The four communities tested their disaster response teams and it was found to be an overwhelming success. This exercise enabled the four towns to consolidate their assets during a simulation exercise with several town departments represented. These representatives found first hand what is involved during a hazmat emergency.

The last activity involves **RECOVERY**. during the recovery process the Town of Palmer would rely heavily on the outside resources such as Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (M.E.M.A.), Federal Emergency Management Agency (F.E.M.A.) and The American Red Cross both local and national chapters.

I have prepared an overview of the activities this past year. The year 2000 was anticipated to start with a bang but turned out to fizzle much to the relief of many in the emergency response field. While others were out celebrating the introduction of the Millennium, emergency responders across the country and here at home in Palmer were preparing for the worse. But as the Springfield Union News reported, the buzz faded over Y2K bug. After all is said and done, I feel both relieved and grateful that we had this experience to open the eyes of both the public and town government in the field of Emergency Management. It only proved to show how unprepared we had been in the past against hazards of this type.

Through the preparation of Y2K, a very important document for the Emergency Management/Civil Defense Department was completed. On January 11, 2000 the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was submitted to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Many countless hours were spent in compiling the necessary information to make the plan a reality. It serves in part like an instruction manual or guide that would assist the director and emergency responders in the event of a disaster. But like any guide or manual, it needs to be continually updated. And that is the job of the Civil Defense/Emergency Management Director.

Our Emergency Volunteers attended several training classes this past year. All classes were free of charge and taught by the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. My sincere thanks to all our volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to attend these classes. They should be commended for their unselfish commitment to the Town of Palmer. The best resource that the Town can have is to have volunteers who are trained.

I have also attended several training sessions given not only by the American Red Cross but also M.E.M.A. in Belchertown and Framingham. I attend periodic meetings at the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Red Cross to better familiarize myself with our surrounding Emergency Managers and to pool our resources. This past year has been an ongoing training in a Mock Aviation Emergency to be held in the spring of 2001. This mock emergency will involve such communities as Palmer, Monson, Wilbraham, Ludlow, Chicopee, Springfield, Holyoke, and many other communities throughout Western Massachusetts. The Westover Air Base will work closely with us to coordinate all our resources.

As in the past, I would like to thank all the town departments for their cooperation through the past year. A special thanks to all our volunteers with anticipated cooperation in the coming year. I can not express strongly enough how important it is to have them as a resource. This could only have happened through their dedication and countless hours of preparation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for the Town of Palmer, please contact me at the Palmer Police Department. It won't be long before we put you to work. It would only take a few hours a year to become a trained volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlann Griswold, Director
Emergency Management/Civil Defense Department

ANNUAL REPORT – TOWN CLERK

At a legal Special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School Auditorium on February 28, 2000 at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, John DiNuovo at 7:00 PM and a quorum was present. There were 112 present.

ARTICLE 1.VOTED: To repeal, in its entirety, the present zoning by-laws found in Chapter 171 – Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Palmer, and replace it with an entirely different by-law, and further to see if the Town will vote to repeal the present zoning map that corresponds to the present by-law and replace that with an entirely different map or take any action relative thereto. The text of the new proposed by-law is on file for review at the Planning Board Office, Office of the Board of Selectmen and Office of the Town Clerk, Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Thorndike, Ma. 01079 and the Palmer Public Library, 1455 N.Main St.,Palmer. The proposed new map is on file at the Planning Board Office, Palmer Town Building, 4417 Main Street, Thorndike, Ma. 01079. Complete text and maps will be distributed to Town Meeting members.

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ARTICLE 2: VOTED: To transfer \$118,695 from Free Cash to be added to the Palmer School Budget to meet the net school spending requirements established by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with such funds to be used for improving emergency disaster and safe school needs, cover deficits in special education tuition as well as other expenditures that the School Committee deems relevant to the fiscal 2000 budget.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: To revoke Article 10 of the Special Town Meeting of April 25, 1994 which authorized the borrowing of \$134,000 to renovate the Quaboag School Building to house the Palmer Police Station.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: To transfer \$50,000 from Free Cash for an Architect/Consultant to conduct a needs assessment study and feasibility study for a Police Station and Town Building.

The meeting was adjourned and the warrant dissolved and so declared by the Moderator at 7:15 PM.

Following are the results of the March 7, 2000 Presidential Primary:

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

PALMER

MASSACHUSETTS

DATE:03/07/00 TYPE P

POLL CTR: 1.00

TIME: 21:15:28 03/07/00

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PRECINCT: 1.00
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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

RACE # 1 PARTY: DEM

Blanks	5
Al Gore	154
Lyndon H. LaRouche,Jr.	1
Bill Bradley	59
No Preference	9
Write-Ins	2

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STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Race # 2 PARTY: DEM

Blanks	103
Ralph E. Hicks	127
Write-Ins	0

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STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Race # 3 PARTY: DEM

Blanks	105
Tobie L. Schlostein	125
Write-Ins	0

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GROUP

Race # 10 PARTY: DEM

Blanks	136
Group 1	94

TOWN COMMITTEE

Race # 11

PARTY: DEM

Blanks	3864
Patricia Donovan	156
Lawrence Jasak	164
Margaret Higgins	104
James St.Amand	136
Emmett Ahearn	105
Robert Dupuis	113
Patrick Landers III	160
David Droz	113
Kathleen Tassinari	104
Ann Skowronek-Duke	122
John Egan	101
William Byrnes	117
Andrea Mastalerz	118
Jay Mastalerz	117
Walter Haggerty Jr.	108
John Motroni	98
Linda Motroni	100
William Cole	109
Stephen Marhelewicz	126
Alexander Matera	139
Lydia McKee	109
Leon Wlodyka	136
Michael Burns	117
John Dyl	115
Margaret O'Brien	105
Charles Abbate	107
David Russo	108
Edward Noonan	134
William Gallagher	111
John Dineen Jr.	103
David Lynch	124
E. Dustin Nikodem	124
Douglas Zabawa	132
Alphonse Murray Jr.	141
Winston Stred	110

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PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
REPUBLICAN PARTY

Race # 501	PARTY:REP
Blanks	0
Alan Keyes	8
George W. Bush	51
Gary Bauer	0
John McCain	99
Steve Forbes	0
Orrin Hatch	0
No Preference	3
Write-Ins	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Race # 502	PARTY:REP
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Blanks	62
David H. Tuttle	97
Write-Ins	2

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Race # 503	PARTY: REP
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Blanks	59
Sandra D. Adams	100
Write-Ins	2

TOWN COMMITTEE

Race # 511	PARTY: REP
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Blanks	55621
Write-Ins	14

PRECINCT SUMMARY

BALLOTS	QUANTITY
10000	230
10001	161

TOTAL BALLOTS	391
WRITE-IN BALLOTS	14
BLANK VOTED BALLOTS	2

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY
CERTIFY THE ELECTION WAS CONDUCTED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE
STATE.

*****SIGNATURES*****

s/Josepn S. Duda
s/Patricia A. Godek

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

PALMER

MASSACHUSETTS

DATE:03/07/00

TYPE: P

POLL CTR:

2.00

TIME: 20:55:23

03/07/00

*****PRECINCT: 2.00*****

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Race # 1

PARTY: DEM

Blanks	5
Al Gore	157
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	0
Bill Bradley	60
No Preference	10
Write-Ins	1

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Race # 2

PARTY:DEM

Blanks	98
Ralph E. Hicks	134
Write-Ins	1

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Race # 3

PARTY:DEM

Blanks	90
Tobie L. Schlosstein	142
Write-Ins	1

GROUP

Race # 10

PARTY:DEM

Blanks	122
Group 1	111

TOWN COMMITTEE

Race # 11

PARTY: DEM

Blanks	3376
Patricia C. Donovan	162
Lawrence Jasak	162
Margaret Higgins	125
James St.Amand	157
Emmett Ahearn	151

Robert Dupuis	131
Patrick Landers III	177
David Droz	142
Kathleen Tassinari	132
Ann Skowronek-Duke	133
John Egan	116
William Byrnes	118
Andrea Mastalerz	139
Jay Mastalerz	136
Walter Haggerty Jr.	123
John Motroni	115
Linda Motroni	120
William Cole	145
Stephen Marhelewicz	134
Alexander Matera	129
Lydia McKee	135
Leon Wlodyka	127
Michael Burns	144
John Dyl	127
Margaret O'Brien	127
Charles Abbate	134
David Russo	130
Edward Noonan	153
William Gallagher	129
John Dineen Jr.	115
David Lynch	157
E. Dustin Nikodem	127
Douglas Zabawa	122
Alphonse Murray Jr.	166
Winston Stred	139

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Race #501 PARTY:REP

Blanks	0
Alan Keyes	11
George W. Bush	101
Gary Bauer	0
John McCain	119
Steve Forbes	0
Orrin Hatch	0
No Preference	1
Write-Ins	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Race # 502

PARTY: REP

Blanks	94
David H. Tuttle	137
Write-Ins	1

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Race # 503

PARTY: REP

Blanks	97
Sandra D. Adams	134
Write-Ins	1

TOWN COMMITTEE

Race # 511

PARTY: REP

Blanks	8006
Write-Ins	114

PRECINCT SUMMARY

BALLOTS	QUANTITY
10000	233
10001	232

TOTAL BALLOTS	465
WRITE-IN BALLOTS	15
BLANK VOTED BALLOTS	0

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*****SIGNATURES*****

s/Ruth E. Outhuse

Warden

Jacqueline S. Graveline

Clerk

**PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE
PALMER
MASSACHUSETTS**

DATE:03/07/00 TYPE:P

POLL CTR: 3.00

TIME: 20:58:48 03/07/00

*****PRECINCT: 3.00**

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Race # 1 PARTY: DEM

Blanks	5
Al gore	143
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	1
Bill Bradley	64
No Preference	7
Write-Ins	2

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Race # 2 PARTY:DEM

Blanks	90
Ralph E. Hicks	132
Write-Ins	0

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Race # 3 PARTY:DEM

Blanks	85
Tobie L. Schlosstein	137
Write-Ins	0

GROUP

Race # 10 PARTY: DEM

Blanks	120
Group 1	102

TOWN COMMITTEE

Race # 11 PARTY: DEM

Blanks	..3296
Patricia Donovan	151
Lawrence Jasak	138
Margaret Higgins	121
James St.Amand	141
Emett Ahearn	143

Robert Dupuis	124
Patrick Landers III	164
David Droz	130
Kathleen Tassinari	123
Ann Skowronek-Duke	122
John Egan	114
William Byrnes	112
Andrea Mastalerz	126
Jay Mastalerz	124
Walter Haggerty Jr.	128
John Motroni	109
Linda Motroni	110
William Cole	122
Stephen Marhelewicz	122
Alexander Matera	124
Lydia McKee	122
Leon Wlodyka	114
Michael Burns	134
John Dyl	120
Margaret O'Brien	127
Charles Abbate	130
David Russo	130
Edward Noonan	150
William Gallagher	123
John Dineen Jr.	112
David Lynch	148
E.Dustin Nikodem	116
Douglas Zabawa	123
Alphonse Murray Jr.	156
Winston Stred	121

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

REPUBLICAN PARTY

Race # 501

PARTY:REP

Blanks	2
Alan Keyes	9
George W. Bush	72
Gary Bauer	0
John McCain	83
Steve Forbes	1
Orrin Hatch	0
No Preference	1
Write-Ins	0

STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Race # 502 PARTY: REP

Blanks	64
David . Tuttle	104
Write-Ins	0

STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Race # 503 PARTY: REP

Blanks	66
Sandra D. Adams	102
Write-Ins	0

TOWN COMMITTEE

Race #511 PARTY: REP

Blanks	5846
Write-Ins	34

PRECINCT SUMMARY

BALLOTS	QUANTITY
10000	222
10001	168

TOTAL BALLOTS	390
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WRITE-IN BALLOTS	3
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BLANK VOTED BALLOTS	3
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*****SIGNATURES*****

s/Emmett F. Ahearn

s/Sylvia Castledine

Following are the results of the Annual Town Election, April 18, 2000:

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

PALMER

MASSACHUSETTS

DATE:04/18/00

TYPE:S

POLL CTR: 1.00

TIME: 19:56:05 04/18/00

***PRECINCT: 1.00*

TOWN CLERK

RACE # 10

BLANKS 98

PATRICIA C. DONOVAN 323

WRITE-INS 5

SELECTMAN

RACE # 20

BLANKS 4

MATTHEW j. Lovell 119

Todd M. Smola 299

Write-Ins 4

ASSESSOR

RACE # 30

BLANKS 90

LAWRENCE M. JASAK 335

WRITE-INS 1

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RACE # 40

BLANKS 132

CYNTHIA HEFFERNAN 255

WRITE-INS 39

PLANNING BOARD

RACE # 50

BLANKS 137

JAMES J. HALEY JR. 287

WRITE-INS 2

PARK COMMISSION

RACE # 60

BLANKS 639

MICHAEL J. BURNS 259

WILLIAM K. COLE 239

WILLIAM F. GALLAGHER 232

ALBIN P. LES 287

DEAN A. MC KEE 249

JOE STOROZUK 224

WRITE-INS 1

BOARD OF HEALTH

RACE # 70

BLANKS	149
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PAUL E. BENARD	275
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WRITE-INS	2
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LICENSE COMMISSION

RACE # 80

BLANKS	48
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DENNIS R. GAUDREAU	247
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RICHARD R. JENSEN	131
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WRITE-INS	0
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CEMETERY COMMISSION

RACE # 90

BLANKS	132
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FREDERICK C. OLSON	294
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WRITE-INS	0
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PALMER REDEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY

RACE # 100

BLANKS	144
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FRANK G. REAL JR.	281
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WRITE-INS	1
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MODERATOR

RACE # 110

BLANKS	116
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JOHN B. DI NUOVO	309
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WRITE-INS	1
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PRECINCT SUMMARY

BALLOTS	QUANTITY
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10000	426
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TOTAL BALLOTS	426
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WRITE-IN BALLOTS	52
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BLANK VOTED BALLOTS	0
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s/Patricia A. Godek

s/Joseph S. Duda

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

PALMER

MASSACHUSETTS

DATE:04/18/00

TYPE: S

POLL CTR:

2.00

TIME: 20:02:15

04/18/00

***PRECINCT :

2.00***

TOWN CLERK

RACE # 10

BLANKS

84

PATRICIA C. DONOVAN

248

WRITE-INS

3

SELECTMEN

RACE # 20

BLANKS

6

MATTHEW J. LOVELL

178

TODD M. SMOLA

150

WRITE-INS

1

ASSESSOR

RACE # 30

BLANKS

75

LAWRENCE M. JASAK

259

WRITE-INS

1

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RACE # 40

BLANKS

111

CYNTHIA HEFFERNAN

196

WRITE-INS

28

PLANNING BOARD

RACE # 50

BLANKS

100

JAMES J. HALEY, JR.

235

WRITE-INS

0

PARK COMMISSION

RACE # 60

BLANKS

514

MICHAEL J. BURNS

209

WILLIAM K. COLE

215

WILLIAM F. GALLAGHER

188

ALBIN P. LES

207

DEAN A. MC KEE

217

JOE STOROZUK

124

WRITE-INS

1

BOARD OF HEALTH

RACE # 70

BLANKS	115
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PAUL E. BENARD	220
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WRITE-INS	0
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LICENSE COMMISSION

RACE # 80

BLANKS	44
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DENNIS R. GAUDREAU	192
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RICHARD R. JENSEN	99
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WRITE-INS	0
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.....
CEMETERY COMMISSION

RACE # 90

BLANKS	100
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FREDERICK C. OLSON	234
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WRITE-INS	1
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.....
PALMER REDEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY

RACE # 100

BLANKS	112
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FRANK G. REAL JR.	223
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WRITE-INS	0
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.....
MODERATOR

RACE # 110

BLANKS	75
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JOHN B. DI NUOVO	260
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WRITE-INS	0
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PRECINCT SUMMARY

BALLOTS	QUANTITY
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10000	335
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TOTAL BALLOTS	335
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WRITE-IN BALLOTS	34
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BLANK VOTED BALLOTS	0
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s/Ruth E. Outhuse

Warden

s/Jacqueline S. Graveline

Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

PALMER

MASSACHUSETTS

DATE:04/18/00

TYPE: S

POLL CTR:

3.00

TIME: 19:58:02

04/10/00

**PRECINCT:

3.00**

TOWN CLERK

RACE # 10

BLANKS

65

PATRICIA C. DONOVAN

247

WRITE-INS

3

SELECTMEN

RACE # 20

BLANKS

8

MATTHEW J. LOVELL

147

TODD M. SMOLA

159

WRITE-INS

1

ASSESSOR

RACE # 30

BLANKS

60

LAWRENCE M. JASAK

255

WRITE-INS

0

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RACE # 40

BLANKS

75

CYNTHIA HEFFERNAN

195

WRITE-INS

45

PARK COMMISSION

RACE # 60

BLANKS

480

MICHAEL J. BURNS

189

WILLIAM K. COLE

203

WILLIAM F. GALLAGHER

191

ALBIN P. LES

197

DEAN A. MC KEE

199

JOE STOROZUK

115

WRITE-INS

1

BOARD OF HEALTH

RACE # 70

BLANKS

108

PAUL E. BENARD

206

WRITE-INS

1

LICENSE COMMISSION

RACE # 80

BLANKS 43

DENNIS R. GAUDREAU 196

RICHARD R. JENSEN 76

WRITE-INS 0

CEMETERY COMMISSION

RACE # 90

BLANKS 89

FREDERICK C. OLSON 226

WRITE-INS 0

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY

RACE # 100

BLANKS 96

FRANK G. REAL, JR 219

WRITE-INS 0

MODERATOR

RACE # 110

BLANKS 57

JOHN B. DI NUOVO 257

WRITE-INS 1

PRECINCT SUMMARY

BALLOTS QUANTITY

10000 314

TOTAL BALLOTS 315

WRITE-IN BALLOTS 51

BLANK VOTED BALLOTS 0

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*****SIGNATURES*****

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

PALMER

MASSACHUSETTS

DATE:04/18/00

TYPE: S

POLL CTR:

4.00

TIME: 19:58:18

04/18/00

**PRECINCT:

4.00**

TOWN CLERK

RACE # 10

BLANKS

88

PATRICIA C. DONOVAN

308

WRITE-INS

5

SELECTMEN

RACE # 20

BLANKS

8

MATTHEW J. LOVELL

108

TODD M. SMOLA

285

WRITE-INS

0

ASSESSOR

RACE # 30

BLANKS

78

LAWRENCE M. JASAK

322

WRITE-INS

1

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

RACE # 40

115

BLANKS

120

CYNTHIA HEFFERNAN

238

WRITE-INS

43

PLANNING BOARD

RACE # 50

BLANKS

121

JAMES J. HALEY JR.

280

WRITE-INS

0

PARK COMMISSION

RACE # 60

618

BLANKS

619

MICHAEL J. BURNS

244

WILLIAM K. COLE

240

WILLIAM F. GALLAGHER

189

ALBIN P. LES

247

DEAN A. MC KEE

269

JOE STOROZUK

196

WRITE-INS

1

BOARD OF HEALTH

RACE # 70

BLANKS 127

PAUL E. BENARD 272

WRITE-INS 2

.....
LICENSE COMMISSION

RACE # 80

BLANKS 24

DENNIS R. GAUDREAU 258

RICHARD R. JENSEN 119

WRITE-INS 0

.....
CEMETERY COMMISSION

RACE # 90

BLANKS 99

FREDERICK C. OLSON 302

WRITE-INS 0

.....
PALMER REDEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY

RACE # 100

BLANKS 119

FRANK G. REAL JR. 282

WRITE-INS 0

.....
MODERATOR

RACE # 110 87

BLANKS 88

JOHN B. DI NUOVO 313

WRITE-INS 0

PRECINCT SUMMARY

BALLOTS QUANTITY

10000 401

TOTAL BALLOTS 401

WRITE-IN BALLOTS 50

BLANK VOTED BALLOTS 3

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*****SIGNATURES*****

s/Frances M. Misiaszek

s/Edward J. Tenczar

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At a legal Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School Auditorium on May 15, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the evening, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, John DiNuovo at 7:00 PM and adjourned for the Special Town Meeting at 7:05PM.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: That the sum of \$26,000.00 be transferred from the Police Department Salaries Account to the Police Department Overtime Account.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: That the sum of \$94,000.00 be transferred from the General Insurance Account to supplement the Group Health Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the sum of \$1,070.00 be transferred from the Board of Health Clinic Account to supplement the Board of Health Clerical Account.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: That the sum of \$20,000.00 be transferred from General Insurance to supplement the Medicare Account.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: That the sum of \$7,000.00 be transferred from the Highway Department Surface Treatment Account to supplement the Central Purchasing Gas Account.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: That the sum of \$20,000.00 be transferred from the County Retirement Assessment Account to supplement the Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: That the sum of \$7,500.00 be transferred from the County Retirement Assessment for a Topographical Survey and Design Services for the Three Rivers Park (Hryniewicz Park).

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the sum of \$50,015.97 be transferred from Free Cash to supplement the Laws and Claims Account.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: That the sum of \$4,225.00 be transferred from the County Retirement Assessment Account to supplement the Special Legal Services Account.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That the sum of \$90,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash to fund the settlement of certain litigation against the Town of Palmer being MCAD Docket #95, SEM-1196 SX and Docket #95, SEM-1084.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the Town Clerk's Emergency Clerical Account to the Emergency Clerical Account under the Selectmen for the Town Administrative Office.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the sum of \$4,000.00 be transferred from the County Retirement Assessment Account to the Selectmen's Executive Secretary Salary Account.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: That the sum of \$300,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: In favor –232;Opposed – 28. That the Town place a moratorium on earth removal operations in the Town of Palmer as follows:

Proposed Moratorium on Earth Removal Operations:
Insert as a new section in the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Palmer :

Section 171.73.01 Earth Products Excavation Moratorium.

No permits for earth products excavation and extraction will be issued for a period of one year from the effective date of this by-law amendment with the exception of exemptions and permits outlined in section 171.73 subsection (B) Exemptions and Sections 171,73, subsection (c) Non-Commercial Earth Products Excavation. The renewal of existing earth removal permits will not be affected by this moratorium.

This moratorium has been placed in effect for the period of one year to allow the examination of impacts and effects of commercial earth removal operations in the Town of Palmer. Some of those impacts and effects are as follows:

Traffic generated and the impact on our roadways
The loss of natural resources at a rapid rate
The aesthetic impact on the Town
The nuisance of dust, noise and traffic to our residential neighborhoods
The impact of earth removal operations on our aquifer recharge areas
The impact on the environment and on wildlife
The impact on the value of land and buildings
The conservation of natural resources
The prevention of blight and pollution of the environment

During this one-year period of Planning board and/or their authorized agents shall conduct research and various studies on the above factors and any other matters bearing upon earth removal. At the end of this one-year period the Planning Board shall present their recommendations in the form of by-law changes, if any, to the Town Meeting for approval.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: Unanimous. to amend the Zoning By-Laws of the Town of Palmer in the following manner:

Change Section 171.55 Table of Use Regulations – Residential Zones found on page 51 in the following manner: Change Two Family Dwellings to “N” (not permitted) in the SR (Suburban Residential Zone). This is currently listed as “Y” (a permitted use) in the SR Zone,

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved and the Annual Town Meeting was opened at 8:50 PM. There was a quorum. The number present was 293.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: To set the compensation of all elected Town Officers for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2000 and ending June 30, 2001 as follows:

Moderator	\$ 222.00
Selectmen	9,897.00
Treasurer	7,490.00
Tax Collector	42,567.00
Town Clerk	42,567.00
Assessors	9,427.00
Cemetery Commissioner	No salary
License Commission Members	No salary
Planning Board Members	No salary
Palmer Redevelopment Authority	

Members	No salary
Board of Health Members	9,609.00
Pathfinder Regional Voc. Tech. High	
School District Comm. Members	No salary
Park Commissioners	No salary
Palmer Housing Authority Members	No salary

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: Unanimous. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2000, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 176 and to authorize the Treasurer (Collector) to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2001, as permitted by General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: Unanimous. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow moneys permitted by law to meet any appropriations.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: To authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: Unanimous. To authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient place in the town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the sum of \$75,000.00 be raised and appropriated to the Reserve Fund under the control of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: Indefinite Postponement. (to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for unpaid bills of previous years.)

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town of Palmer for Fiscal Year 2001 as follows:

**GENERAL
GOVERNMENT**

**MODERATOR'S
SALARY**

222.00

**SELECTMEN'S
DEPARTMENT**

2	Salaries	9,897.00	
3	Executive Secretary	51,656.00	
4	Clerical	30,944.00	
5	Travel Salary	1,133.00	
6	Procurement Officer	2,600.00	
7	Other Expenses	19,582.00	
8	Maint. Village Depot Park	400.00	
9	Maint. Three Rivers Flood Control	45,000.00	
			<u>161,212.00</u>

**ACCOUNTANT'S
DEPARTMENT**

10	Salary	41,627.00	
11	Clerical	20,652.00	
12	Other Expenses	<u>1,152.00</u>	
			<u>63,431.00</u>

TREASURER

13	Salary	7,490.00	
14	Clerical	40,591.00	
15	Other Expenses	<u>5,850.00</u>	
			<u>53,931.00</u>

COLLECTOR

16	Salary	42,567.00	
17	Clerical	42,876.00	
18	Tax Title Expense	1,500.00	
19	Other Expenses	5,708.00	
			<u>92,651.00</u>

TOWN CLERK

20	Salary	42,567.00	
21	Clerical	24,569.00	
22	Town Clerk		
	Longevity	300.00	
23	Emergency Clerical	1,000.00	
24	Other Expenses	<u>3,206.00</u>	
25	-----	-----	
			<u>71,642.00</u>

**ELECTION &
REGISTRATION****Registrars' Salaries/**

26	Clerk	4,321.00	
27	Clerical	11,395.00	
28	Election Officers	9,280.00	
29	Other Expenses	9,668.00	
			<u>34,664.00</u>

ASSESSORS

30	Salaries	9,427.00	
31	Assistant Assessor	36,160.00	
32	Clerical	33,006.00	
33	Other Expenses	8,105.00	
34	Revaluation of Properties	22,500.00	
35	Map Updating	<u>1,200.00</u>	
			<u>110,398.00</u>

**COMPUTER
SYSTEM ADMIN.**

35	Computer		
	Maintenance Salary		9,401.00
37	Supplies	11,037.00	
38	Maint. Agreement	29,710.00	
39	Upgrade & Training	4,700.00	
40	Equipment	<u>5,000.00</u>	
			<u>59,848.00</u>

LAW & CLAIMS

41	Salary of Town Counsel	20,800.00	
42	Other Expenses/Special Legal services	10,000.00	
43	Associate Town Counsel	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>46,800.00</u>

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

44	Clerical	500.00	
45	Travel Salary	910.00	
46	Expenses	<u>188.00</u>	<u>1,598.00</u>

MEMORIAL HALL

47	Salary of Custodian	6,053.00	
48	Other Expenses	<u>8,160.00</u>	<u>14,213.00</u>

PALMER TOWN BUILDING

49	Salary of Custodian	19,136.00	
50	Other Expenses	25,712.00	
51	Maintenance Fund	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>49,848.00</u>

ENGINEERS

52	Consulting Engineer		<u>5,000.00</u>
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

53	Salary Recording Secretary	1,545.00	
54	Other Expenses	<u>859.00</u>	<u>2,404.00</u>

PLANNING BOARD

55	Planner	42,000.00	
57	Clerical	14,315.00	
59	Other Expenses	14,228.00	
60	Court Time Salary	<u>1,000.00</u>	
			<u>71,543.00</u>

**BOARD OF
APPEALS**

61	Recording Secretary	3,965.00	
62	Consulting Engineer	1,000.00	
63	Expenses	<u>152.00</u>	
			<u>5,117.00</u>

**COUNCIL ON
AGING**

64	Director	29,011.00	
65	Drivers	23,781.00	
66	Substitute Driver	1,040.00	
67	Clerical	6,175.00	
68	Expenses	<u>2,083.00</u>	
			<u>62,090.00</u>

**PALMER
REDEVELOP
AUTH.**

69	Part Time Management		
	Director	5,000.00	
70	Clerical	3,000.00	
71	Recording Secretary	750.00	
72	Rent	4,800.00	
73	Maint. of Industrial Park/Exp.	6,750.00	
74	Consulting Engineer	9,700.00	
75	Legal Expenses	9,500.00	
			<u>39,500.00</u>

76	<u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u>	<u>20,600.00</u>
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77	<u>CENTRAL PURCH. TELE.</u>	<u>36,050.00</u>
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78	<u>CENTRAL PURCHASING POSTAGE</u>	20,000.00
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**TOTAL FOR GENERAL
GOVERNMENT**

1,022,762.00

**PROTECTION OF
PERSONS AND
PROPERTY**

**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

79	Chief of Police	65,520.00
80	Salaries	1,106,482.00
81	Overtime	166,000.00
82	Matrons' Salary	2,000.00
83	DARE Officer	6,000.00
84	Other Expenses	75,722.00
85	Equipment	<u>4,900.00</u>

1,426,624.00

**AUXILIARY
POLICE**

86	Expenses	
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1,170.00

CIVIL DEFENSE

87	Salary	705.00
88	Expenses	<u>3,555.00</u>

4,260.00

FOREST WARDEN

89	Salary	3,959.00
90	Other Expenses	6,439.00
91	Out of District Fires	<u>1,917.00</u>

12,315.00

**FORESTRY
DEPARTMENT**

92	Insect Pest Control/Tree	
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	Warden	2,202.00
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93	Other Expenses	12,807.00
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94	Dutch Elm Diseases	<u>2,000.00</u>
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17,009.00

SEALER

95	Salary	2,497.00
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96	Travel Salary	200.00
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97	Other Expenses	<u>175.00</u>
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2,872.00

	<u>DOG OFFICER</u>		
98	Dog Officer Salary	17,560.00	
99	Other Expenses	<u>10,146.00</u>	
			<u>27,706.00</u>
	<u>GAS INSPECTOR</u>		
100	Salary	3,000.00	
101	Expenses	<u>294.00</u>	
			<u>3,294.00</u>
102	<u>TOWN FIRE ENGINEER</u>		<u>175.00</u>
	<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>		
103	Conservation Officer	10,000.00	
104	Clerical	6,195.00	
105	Expenses	<u>3,231.00</u>	
			<u>19,426.00</u>
	<u>WIRE INSPECTOR</u>		
106	Salary	11,500.00	
107	Travel Salary	262.00	
108	Expenses	<u>398.00</u>	
			<u>12,160.00</u>
	<u>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</u>		
109	Expenses		<u>606.00</u>
	<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>		
110	Salary	36,587.00	
111	Travel Salary	262.00	
112	Vacation		
	Replacement	600.00	
113	Expenses	<u>1,010.00</u>	
			<u>38,459.00</u>
	<u>PARKING CLERK</u>		
114	Salary & Expenses		<u>500.00</u>
	<u>TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY</u>		<u>1,566,576.00</u>

**HEALTH &
SANITATION**

**BOARD OF
HEALTH**

115	Salaries	9,609.00	
116	Health Clerical	16,898.00	
117	Travel Salary	1,800.00	
118	Other Expenses	1,640.00	
119	Clinics	3,300.00	
120	Emergency Fund	1,000.00	
121	Equipment	<u>220.00</u>	
			<u>34,467.00</u>

MILK INSPECTION

122	Salary	448.00	
123	Travel Salary	<u>63.00</u>	
			<u>511.00</u>

**ANIMAL
INSPECTION**

124	Salary	1,406.00	
125	Expenses	<u>268.00</u>	
			<u>1,674.00</u>

126	<u>VITAL STATISTICS</u>		<u>497.00</u>
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VERNIM CONTROL

127	Salary	734.00	
128	Travel Salary	100.00	
129	Expenses	<u>346.00</u>	
			<u>1,180.00</u>

**PLUMBING
INSPECTOR**

130	Salary	9,619.00	
131	Travel Salary	262.00	
132	Expenses	<u>200.00</u>	
			<u>10,081.00</u>

**SANITARY
LANDFILL**

133	Scrap Metal Removal/Recycling	2,000.00	
134	Municipal Solid Waste	<u>10,000.00</u>	
			<u>12,000.00</u>

135	Groundwater Monitoring/Landfill Engineering	<u>21,500.00</u>	<u>21,500.00</u>
136	<u>SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING</u>		<u>5,000.00</u>
137	<u>GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE</u>		<u>15,000.00</u>
	<u>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT</u>		
138	WWTP Supt. Salary	41,693.00	
139	Labor	296,591.00	
140	Overtime	30,000.00	
141	Expenses	428,000.00	
142	Quaboag Co-op. Project	2,500.00	
143	Federal & State Mandates	5,000.00	
144	Sludge Disposal	<u>205,000.00</u>	<u>1,008,784.00</u>
	<u>TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION</u>		<u>1,110,694.00</u>

HIGHWAYS

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

145	Highway Supt.	
	Salary	49,703.00
146	Clerical	15,209.00
147	Labor	317,474.00
148	Overtime	15,000.00
149	General Highway Maintenance	93,384.00
150	St. Signs & Traffic Regulations	10,906.00
151	Maint. Railroad Crossings	4,094.00
152	General Sidewalk Maintenance	12,226.00
153	Surface Treatment	14,000.00
154	Snow Removal	40,300.00
155	Street Lighting	82,393.00
156	Copier/Computer Maintenance	<u>1,562.00</u>

TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS

656,251.00

VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

157	Veterans' Agent	11,458.00
158	Veterans' Benefits	76,500.00
159	Veterans' Expenses	<u>1,675.00</u>

TOTAL FOR VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

89,633.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

160	Public Schools	13,320,554.00
161	Pathfinder Regional	740,897.00
162	Palmer Public Library	<u>678,143.00</u>

TOTAL FOR
EDUCATION AND
LIBRARIES

14,539,594.00

PARKS,
RECREATION AND
CELEBRATIONS

PARKS
DEPARTMENT

163	Park Supt. Salary	49,329.00	
164	Clerical	4,000.00	
165	Labor	162,495.00	
166	Overtime	12,000.00	
167	Summer Help	12,000.00	
168	Other Expenses	<u>37,968.00</u>	
			<u>277,792.00</u>

PARKS
MAINTENANCE

169	Pee Wee Park		
	Maintenance	4,000.00	
170	Nick Laviolette Park	4,000.00	
171	Maintenance School		
	Grounds	14,000.00	
172	Main. New Burleigh		
	Park	5,000.00	
173	Main. Bondsville		
	Park	2,000.00	
174	Main. Shaw Street		
	Property	<u>3,500.00</u>	
			<u>32,500.00</u>

RECREATION

175	Salaries	28,070.00	
176	Other Expenses	<u>10,650.00</u>	
			<u>38,720.00</u>

177	<u>MEMORIAL DAY</u>		
	<u>OBSERVANCE</u>		<u>2.747.00</u>

TOTAL PARKS,
RECRATION AND
CELEBRATIONS

351,759.00

**CEMETERY
DEPARTMENT**

178	Labor	58,665.00
179	Salary of Secretary	3,328.00
180	On-Call Summer Laborers	10,000.00
181	Other Expenses	<u>37,808.00</u>

**TOTAL FOR
CEMETERY
DEPARTMENT**

109,801.00

PENSIONS

182	County Retire. Assessment	<u>525,766.00</u>
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**TOTAL FOR
PENSIONS**

525,766.00

INSURANCE

183	General Insurance	200,000.00
184	Group Health Insurance	2,100,000.00
185	Group Life Insurance	13,500.00
186	Unemployment	15,000.00
187	Medicare	<u>110,000.00</u>

**TOTAL FOR
INSURANCE**

2,438,500.00

UNCLASSIFIED

188	Town Reports	11,086.00
189	Hazardous Waste Account	<u>11,832.00</u>

22,918.00

**TOTAL FOR
UNCLASSIFIED
INTEREST AND
MATURING DEBT**

190	Abated Taxes	2,500.00
191	School Building Project	1,235,280.00
192	Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	3,795.00

193	Chapter 90 Highway	20,000.00
194	Multi-Purpose V BAN	18,388.00
195	Multi-Purpose VI BAN	196,000.00
196	Multipurpose VII BAN	<u>33,000.00</u>

TOTAL INTEREST

1,508,963.00

PRINCIPAL

197	School Building Project	1,770,000.00
198	Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	40,000.00
199	Multi-Purpose Issue Bond V	100,000.00
200	Multi-Purpose Issue Bond VI	219,000.00
201	Bond Issuance Fee	<u>108,950.00</u>

TOTAL PRINCIPAL

2,237,950.00

**TOTAL OF
ARTICLE 10**

26,181,167.00 R & A
200,000.00 Free Cash

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That the sum of \$21,000.00 be raised and appropriated as follows:

Palmer Midget Baseball League	\$2,200.00;
Palmer Cowboy Football Team	2,200.00;
Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League	2,200.00;
Palmer Kicker's Soccer Association	2,200.00;
Palmer Suburban Basketball Association	2,200.00;
Palmer Pony Baseball League	2,200.00;
Palmer Stripers Swim Club	2,200.00;
Palmer Youth Basketball	2,200.00;
Palmer Suburban/Metro Girls Fast Pitch Softball League	2,200.00;
Palmer LL Panthers	1,200.00;
Total	\$21,000.00

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the sum of \$14,500.00 be raised and appropriated to conduct an examination of books and records of the Town of Palmer for the period of July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 in compliance with Federal Grant Regulations and in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: To authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any and to expend any State, Federal or other grants that may become available to the Town of Palmer

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: That the sum of \$2,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the restoration of Town records.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: That the sum of \$6,349.00 be raised and appropriated for senior services and community mental health and social services for Palmer residents through the following programs:

The Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc.;

The Valley Human Services, Inc.;

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: That the sum of \$4,279.00 be raised and appropriated as the town's share of any grants received from the Federal Fiscal Year 1999 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

ARTICLE 17. VOTED: That the sum of \$29,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the Fiscal Year 1999 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Streetscape Improvements Program, said amount to be reduced by any funds received from any State or Federal Grants awarded to the Town.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED: Unanimous. That the sum of \$230,000.00 be borrowed for this purpose and that said amount be reduced by funds that may become available to the Town from Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Grant Program.

ARTICLE 19. VOTED: Indefinite postponement. (Town's share of the Pioneer Valley Transportation Service.)

ARTICLE 20. VOTED: That the sum of \$262,252.78 be transferred from the Chapter 53 of Acts of 1999 for Chapter 90 type projects.

ARTICLE 21. VOTED: That the sum of \$75,000.00 be raised and appropriated to the Pay Adjustment Account.

ARTICLE 22. VOTED: That the sum of \$62,500.00 be raised and appropriated to purchase two cruisers for the Palmer Police Department.

ARTICLE 23. VOTED: Indefinite Postponement. (raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund)

ARTICLE 24.VOTED: Unanimous. That the sum of \$7,585,000.00 be appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction and reconstruction of sewers and sewerage systems including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$7,585,000.00 and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasure, with the approval of the Selectmen, determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C; and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

ARTICLE 25. VOTED: Indefinite Postponement. (raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the Three Rivers Flood Control Project)

ARTICLE 26. VOTED: Indefinite Postponement. (To accept Chapter 32B, Section 9D of the Massachusetts General Laws which allows the Town to pay one-half of the premium costs payable by the surviving spouse of any employee or retired employee for group general, or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental or other health insurance.)

ARTICLE 27. VOTED: To accept Chapter 32B, Section 18 of the Massachusetts General Laws which requires that all retirees of the Town and their spouses and dependents, who are enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, or eligible for coverage there under at no cost to a retiree, their spouse or dependents, be required to enroll in a Medicare health benefits supplement plan offered by the Town.

ARTICLE 28. VOTED: That the sum of \$2,500.00 be transferred from Free Cash to purchase an equipment trailer for the Cemetery Department.

ARTICLE 29. VOTED: Indefinite Postponement. (To purchase a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, four-wheel drive, pick-up truck for the Cemetery Department)

ARTICLE 30. VOTED: That the sum of \$34,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash to purchase a Tractor/Loader/Backhoe for the Cemetery Department.

ARTICLE 31. VOTED: That the sum of \$24,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash to purchase a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton, 4x4 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ARTICLE 32. VOTED: Indefinite Postponement. (to purchase a $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, four-wheel drive, pick up truck for the Building Inspector.

ARTICLE 33. VOTED: Indefinite Postponement. (to restore and improve the Town Common (Hryniewicz Park) located in Three Rivers.

ARTICLE 34. VOTED: As amended. That the sum of \$6,600.00 for opening on Sunday plus \$6,000 for automatic door and the balance of \$9,667.07 to the Palmer Public Schools. The total being \$22,267.07

ARTICLE 35. VOTED: As amended: 67 – In favor; 30 – opposed. That the sum of \$85,000 be transferred from Free Cash to purchase the Vostok property located at 195 Sykes Street, Three Rivers Village, Palmer and being the same parcel as listed on the Palmer Board of Assessors' Map 79, Lot 38 and registered in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds Book 10656, Page 548.

ARTICLE 36. VOTED: To accept Chapter 127, Section 59 of the Acts of 1999 which adds Section 5K to Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws which enables the Board of Selectmen to establish in Fiscal Year 2001 a work-off program for citizens over 60 years old, who may volunteer their services for a reduction in their tax bill, not to exceed \$500.00 per fiscal year based on a rate per hour of service that cannot exceed the Commonwealth's minimum wage.

ARTICLE 37. VOTED: Unanimous. To accept a certain parcel of land located at the intersection at Thompson and Mason Street owned by Gordon H. Christiansen and listed on the Assessors' Map #8, Lot 178 in Block)) and known as Lot 1 (inset Parcel No. 4) and also being recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2252, Page 276 and that the sum of \$1.00 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

ARTICLE 38. VOTED: 78 – In favor ; 8 – opposed. That the sum of \$2,118.21 be transferred from Free Cash to purchase a certain parcel of land located at South High Street in the Village of Bondsville owned by William P. Shea and listed on the Assessors' Map #86, Lot 95 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 7204, Page 461.

ARTICLE 39. VOTED: To replace the light on poll #6 to be funded through the Street Lighting Account.

ARTICLE 40. VOTED: No action on Article 40. (to reappoint Beverly Lund to the position of Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen for a period of three (3) years effective July 1, 2000.)

The meeting was adjourned and the warrant dissolved and so declared by the Moderator at 10:45 PM.

Following are the results of the State Primary:

Precinct 1

DEMOCRAT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	3
Edward M. Kennedy	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

DISTRICT

Blanks	4
Richard E. Neal	6
Joseph R. Fountain	3
Write-Ins	0

COUNCILLOR

DISTRICT 7

Blanks	4
Dennis P. McManus	9
Write-Ins	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Worc. Hampd, Hamps, Frank.

Blanks	3
Stephen M. Brewer	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1ST Hampden

Blanks	13
Write-Ins	0

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	5
Marie Grimaldi Mazza	8
Write-Ins	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	5
Donald E. Ashe	8
Write-Ins	0

REPUBLICAN

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	5
Jack E. Robinson, III	5
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

District 2

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

COUNCILLOR

District 7

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Worc., Hampd., Hamps., Frank.

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1st Hampden

Blanks	2
Reed V. Hillman	8
Write-Ins	0

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

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Precinct 2

DEMOCRAT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	3
Edward M. Kennedy	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

District 2

Blanks	4
Richard E. Neal	6
Joseph R. Fountain	3
Write-Ins	0

COUNCILLOR

District 7

Blanks	4
Dennis P. McManus	9
Write-Ins	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Worc., Hampd., Hamps., Frank.

Blanks	3
Stephen M. Brewer	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1st Hampden

Blanks	13
Write-Ins	0

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	5
Marie Grimaldi Mazza	8
Write-Ins	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	5
Donald E. Ashe	8
Write-Ins	0

REPUBLICAN

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	5
Jack E. Robinson III	5
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

District 2

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

COUNCILLOR

District 7

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Worc., Hampd., Hamps., Frank.

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

1st Hampden

Blanks	2
Reed V. Hillman	8
Write-Ins	0

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

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PRECINCT 3

DEMOCRAT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	3
Edward M. Kennedy	10
Write-Ins	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

District 2

Blanks	4
Richard E. Neal	6
Joseph R. Fountain	3
Write-Ins	0

COUNCILLOR

District 7

Blanks	4
Dennis P. McManus	9
Write-Ins	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Worc., Hampd., Hamps., Frank.

Blanks	3
Stephen M. Brewer	10
Write-Ins	0

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

1st Hampden

Blanks	13
Write-Ins	0

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	5
Marie Grimaldi Mazza	0
Write-Ins	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	5
Donald E. Ashe	8
Write-Ins	0

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	5
Jack E. Robinson III	5
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

COUNCILLOR

District 7

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Worc. Hampd. Hamps. Frank.

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1st Hampden

Blanks	2
Reed V. Hillman	8
Write-Ins	0

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

PRECINCT 4

Democrat

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	3
Edward M. Kennedy	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

District 2

Blanks	4
Richard E. Neal	6
Joseph R. Fountain	3
Write-Ins	0

COUNCILLOR

District 7

Blanks	4
Dennis P. McManus	9
Write-Ins	0

SEN IN GENERAL COURT

Worc. Hampd. Hamps. Frank

Blanks	3
Stephen M. Brewer	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1st Hampden

Blanks	13
Write-Ins	0

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	5
Marie Grimaldi Mazza	8
Write-Ins	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	5
Donald E. Ashe	8
Write-Ins	0

REPUBLICAN

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	5
Jack E. Robinson III	5
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

District 2

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

COUNCILLOR

District 7

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

Worc. Hampd. Hamps Frank.

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1st Hampden

Blanks	2
Reed V. Hillman	8
Write-Ins	0

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	10
Write-Ins	0

Following are the results of the General Election – November 7, 2000:

PRECINCT 1

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Blanks	12
Browne & Oliver	5
Buchanan & Higgins	4
Bush & Cheney	468
Gore & Lieberman	734
Hagelin & Tompkins	3
Nader & LaDuke	104
Write-Ins	3

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	58
Edward M. Kennedy	884
Carla A. Howell	118
Jack E. Robinson	232
Dale E. Friedgen	9
Philip Hyde III	4
Philip F. Lawler	28
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

DISTRICT 2

Blanks	265
Richard E. Neal	1054
Write-Ins	14

COUNCILLOR

DISTRICT 7

Blanks	436
Dennis P. McManus	892
Write-Ins	5

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

WORC.HAMPD.HAMPS.FRANK.

Blanks	255
Stephen M. Brewer	1074
Write-Ins	4

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1ST HAMPDEN

Blanks	314
Reed V. Hillman	1012
Write-Ins	7

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	395
Marie Grimaldi Mazza	932
Write-Ins	6

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	352
Donald E. Ashe	975
Write-Ins	6

PATHFINDER RVSC

Belchertown

Blanks	357
Judith C. Dudek	972
Write-Ins	4

PATHFINDER RVSC

Monson

Blanks	441
Barbara L. Beaulieu	889
Write-Ins	3

PATHFINDER RVSC

New Braintree

Blanks	503
Geraldine Reavey	828
Write-Ins	2

PATHFINDER RVSC

Palmer

Blanks	373
David Droz	956
Write-Ins	4

PATHFINDER RVSC

Granby

Blanks	1128
Write-Ins	205

QUESTION 1

Blanks	112
YES	709
NO	512

QUESTION 2

Blanks	83
YES	780
NO	470

QUESTION 3

Blanks	65
YES	591
NO	677

QUESTION 4

Blanks	51
YES	724
NO	558

QUESTION 5

Blanks	69
YES	575
NO	689

QUESTION 6

Blanks	60
YES	547
NO	726

QUESTION 7

Blanks	75
YES	756
NO	502

QUESTION 8

Blanks	71
YES	390
NO	872

PRECINCT 2

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Blanks	15
Browne & Oliver	11
Buchanan & Higgins	8
Bush & Cheney	620
Gore & Lieberman	793
Hagelin & Tompkins	2
Nader & LaDuke	112
Write-Ins	2

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	76
Edward M. Kennedy	996
Carla A. Howell	146
Jack E. Robinson	292
Dale E. Friedgen	16
Philip Hyde, III	5
Philip F. Lawler	31
Write-Ins	1

REP IN CONGRESS

DISTRICT 2

Blanks	353
Richard E. Neal	1196
Write-Ins	14

COUNCILLOR

DISTRICT 7

Blanks	532
Dennis P. McManus	1021
Write-Ins	10

SEN. IN GENERAL COURT

Worc.Hampd.Hamps.Frank.

Blanks	351
Stephen M. Brewer	1206
Write-Ins	6

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1ST Hampden

Blanks	396
Reed V. Hillman	1155
Write--Ins	12

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	516
Marie Grimaldi Mazza	1044
Write-Ins	3

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	448
Donald E. Ashe	1113
Write-Ins	2

PATHFINDER RVSC

Belchertown

Blanks	492
Judith C. Dudek	1069
Write-Ins	2

PATHFINDER RVSC

Monson

Blanks	547
Barbara L. Beauleiu	1014
Write-Ins	2

PATHFINDER RVSC

New Braintree

Blanks	614
Geraldine Reavey	947
Write-Ins	2

PATHFINDER RVSC

Palmer

Blanks	438
David Droz	1119
Write-Ins	6

PATHFINDER RVSC

Granby

Blanks	1345
Write-Ins	218

QUESTION 1

Blanks	121
YES	923
NO	519

QUESTION 2

Blanks	59
YES	1061
NO	443

QUESTION 3

Blanks	45
YES	776
NO	742

QUESTION 4

Blanks	60
YES	860
NO	643

QUESTION 5

Blanks	76
YES	689
NO	798

QUESTION 6

Blanks	63
YES	707
NO	793

QUESTION 7

Blanks	88
YES	979
NO	496

QUESTION 8

Blanks	68
YES	484
NO	1011

PRECINCT 3

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Blanks	20
Browne & Olivier	3
Buchanan & Higgins	3
Bush & Cheney	438
Gore & Lieberman	659
Hagelin & Tompkins	0
Nader & LaDuke	67
Write-Ins	3

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	51
Edward M. Kennedy	801
Carla A. Howell	92
Jack E. Robinson	198
Dale E. Friedgen	12
Philip Hyde III	8
Philip F. Lawler	30
Write-Ins	1

REP IN CONGRESS

DISTRICT 2

Blanks	208
Richard E. Neal	980
Write-Ins	5

COUNCILLOR

DISTRICT 7

Blanks	361
Dennis P. McManus	827
Write-Ins	5

SEN IN GENERAL COURT

Worc.Hampd.Hamps.Frank.

Blanks	232
Stephen M. Brewer	959
Write-Ins	2

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1st Hampden

Blanks	307
Reed V. Hillman	878
Write-Ins	8

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	340
Marie Grimaldi Mazza	852
Write-Ins	1

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	288
Donald E. Ashe	904
Write-Ins	1

PATHFINDER RVSC

Belchertown

Blanks	319
Judith C. Dudek	873
Write-Ins	1

PATHFINDER RVSC

Monson

Blanks	366
Barbara L. Beaulieu	827
Write-Ins	0

PATHFINDER RVSC

New Braintree

Blanks	439
Geraldine Reavey	754
Write-Ins	0

PATHFINDER RVSC

Palmer

Blanks	283
David Droz	908
Write-Ins	2

PATHFINDER RVSC

Granby

Blanks 1010

Write-Ins 183

QUESTION 1

Blanks 74

YES 674

NO 445

QUESTION 2

Blanks 52

YES 748

NO 393

QUESTION 3

Blanks 48

YES 624

NO 521

QUESTION 4

Blanks 41

YES 617

NO 535

QUESTION 5

Blanks 59

YES 532

NO 602

QUESTION 6

Blanks	42
YES	489
NO	662

QUESTION 7

Blanks	56
YES	712
NO	425

QUESTION 8

Blanks	57
YES	378
NO	758

PRECINCT 4

PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Blanks	15
Browne & Olivier	12
Buchanan & Higgins	4
Bush & Cheney	402
Gore & Lieberman	698
Hagelin & Tompkins	2
Nader & LaDuke	99
Write-Ins	1

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Blanks	38
Edward M. Kennedy	863
Carla A. Howell	93
Jack E. Robinson	200
Dale E. Friedgen	8
Philip Hyde III	1
Philip F. Lawler	20
Write-Ins	0

REP IN CONGRESS

DISTRICT 2

Blanks	198
Richard E. Neal	1015
Write-Ins	10

COUNCILLOR

DISTRICT 7

Blanks	346
Dennis P. McManus	870
Write-Ins	7

SEN IN GENERAL COURT

Worc.Hampd.Hamps.Frank.

Blanks	216
Stephen M. Brewer	1003
Write-Ins	4

REP IN GENERAL COURT

1ST Hampden

Blanks	288
Reed V. Hillman	923
Write-Ins	12

CLERK OF COURTS

Hampden

Blanks	318
Marie Grimaldi Mazza	901
Write-Ins	4

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Hampden

Blanks	282
Donald E. Ashe	937
Write-Ins	4

PATHFINDER RVSC

Belchertown

Blanks	286
Judith C. Dudek	933
Write-Ins	4

PATHFINDER RVSC

Monson

Blanks	355
Barbara L. Beauleiu	863
Write-Ins	5

PATHFINDER RVSC

New Braintree

Blanks	411
Geraldine Reavey	805
Write-Ins	7

PATHFINDER RVSC

Palmer

Blanks 301

David Droz 917

Write-Ins 5

PATHFINDER RVSC

Granby

Blanks 1047

Write-Ins 176

QUESTION 1

Blanks 100

YES 632

NO 491

QUESTION 2

Blanks 75

YES 755

NO 393

QUESTION 3

Blanks 67

YES 588

NO 568

QUESTION 4

Blanks 55

YES 635

NO 533

QUESTION 5

Blanks	66
YES	567
NO	590

QUESTION 6

Blanks	69
YES	452
NO	702

QUESTION 7

Blanks	77
YES	723
NO	423

QUESTION 8

Blanks	65
YES	382
NO	776

At a legal Special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School Auditorium on November 20, 2000 at 7:00 PM in the evening, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, John DiNuovo at 7:00 PM .

Alphonse E. Murray, Jr., Chairman of the Library Building Committee presented a resolution, the text of which follows:

RESOLUTION:

To see if the town will vote to accept the preliminary design for the Palmer Public Library building and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Library Board of Trustees to apply for, accept and expend any state grants which may be available for the project.

VOTED; As presented.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: As amended. To transfer \$600,572.97 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: Unanimous. To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$11,728.03 to pay previous year's bills:

Recreation Department	\$ 30.00
Selectmen's Office	\$ 146.00
Police Department	\$ 184.25
Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$ 8.00
Worker's Comp	\$ 214.50
Board of Health	\$ 63.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 54.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 273.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 776.00
Veteran's Agent	\$ 156.68
Police Department	\$ 9,882.13
Total	\$11,728.03

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: As amended. To transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$140,000 to increase the FY-01 School Budget and further to decrease the Group Health Insurance \$300,000 and decrease the Groundwater Monitoring \$10,000.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000 to install a fire alarm at Memorial Hall.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$167,620 to purchase from Munis, Inc. a municipal software package.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000.00 relative to the settlement between the TOWN OF PALMER and Howard Case.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000.00 to fund the reconstruction of a wall and sidewalk on High Street in the village of Thorndike.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: 67 in favor; 2 opposed. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a certain parcel of land located behind the Country Bank for Savings on Sykes Road for conservation, recreational, open space or any other municipal purpose and to further vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$37,500 for said purpose.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: Unanimous. to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept as a gift a certain parcel of land shown on Assessors' Map 82, Lot 29 from Cascades Energy Thorndike Inc.

ARTICLE 10. DEFEATED: To rescind article 5 of the town meeting of October 27, 1980 (a by-law controlling the use of boats on Forest Lake)

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$500.00 to the Palmer Cultural Council Account for the purpose of receiving matching grant funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Cultural Council.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: To transfer from available Free Cash the sum of \$19,000.00 to purchase security systems for Old Mill Pond Elementary and the Converse Middle School.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$4,630.00 to purchase a two way radio system with a base unit for the Palmer High School.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$9,403.00 to purchase gym wall pads for th Old Mill Pond Elementary School.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: To transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$13,909 representing interest at a rate of 3.79% on the Facilities Repair Account June 30, 2000 balance and transfer the sum to the Facilities Repair Account.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: To approve and authorize the School Department to use encumbered balances from the FY2000 School Budget for FY2001 School Department expenses.

ARTICLE 17. INDEFINITELY POSTPONED. To transfer from Free Cash a sum of money to offset the FY2001 budget.

The meeting was adjourned and the warrant dissolved and so declared by the Moderator.

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The following dog licenses were issued during the year 2000

Males/Females	843
Spayed/Neutered	378
Kennels	14
PAID TO TREASURER	\$10,370.00

The following Vital Statistics were received for recording for the year ending December 31, 2000.

BIRTHS	125
DEATHS	175
MARRIAGES	77

List of Death & Marriages on following page.

Patricia C. Donovan
Town Clerk

MARRIAGES 2000

JANUARY

1	Wayne D. Dewey	Monson	Desiree G. Mullen	Monson
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FEBRUARY

19	Stephen J. Dronzek	Palmer	Marylou J. Dorval	Palmer
19	Gregory Scott Rooney		Wendy J. Roy	
	Mooresville, NC		Mooresville, NC	
20	Christopher T. Smith	Palmer	Cheri L. Leroux	Palmer
26	Joseph L. Rosati	Warren	Melanie C. Stevens	Palmer
28	Robert V. Syrek	Palmer	Susan J. Matusko	Palmer
29	Kenneth A. Kovitch	Palmer	Michelle L. Bates	Palmer

MARCH

4	Eric D. Hytnen	Palmer	Karen L. Bailey	Palmer
25	Paul W. Magnan	Ware	Tina M. Magnan	Ware

APRIL

2	Robert D. Shepard	Palmer	Dominique M. Eldredge	Palmer
21	William A. Golden	Palmer	Joanne M. Weatherbee	Palmer
28	Stephen A. Penna Jr.	Palmer	Deborah J. Ochs	Palmer
29	Joseph J. Girard	Chicopee	Laura L. Roche	Palmer

MAY

5	Stephen Kozloski Jr.	Monson	Kimberly A. Brothers	Monson
5	Kevin M. Moynihan		Joanne T. Belisle	
	Naperville, IL		Naperville, IL	
6	Ryan P. Jamison		Melissa Morrissey	
	Mount Vernon, IA		Mount Vernon, IA	
6	Todd M. LaMadeleine	Palmer	Rebecca A. Gervais	Palmer
6	John W. Venne	Monson	Susan J. Cusak	Monson
13	Andrew R. Cozier		Kara L. Kovitch	
	Tustin Ranch, CA			Brimfield
20	William G. Leblanc	Palmer	Kelli S. Hawthorne	Palmer
26	Brian K. Nichols	Palmer	Michelle A. Smola	Palmer
26	Bernard J. Williams, Jr.	Ware	Jill M. Izyk	Monson
27	Glen A. Hitchcock	Palmer	Theresa L. Harrington	Palmer
27	Bryan G. Nichols	Palmer	Billie-Jo E. Upton	Palmer

JUNE

2	Daniel E. Braskie	Palmer	Nicole L. Meffen	Palmer
3	Ritt J. Hicks	Palmer	Margaret A. Cormier	Palmer
4	Paul D. Parker	Barre	Nancy C.J. Fowler	Barre
4	Joel M. Pollino	Tucson, AZ	Amy A. Butcher	Tucson, AZ
6	Michael A. Ross	Palmer	Dianne M. Atkinson	Palmer
9	Charles E. Dowd	Ware	Christina M Webb	Palmer
24	Christian A. Putz	Palmer	Jaimi L. Stewart	Palmer
24	Robert R. Steele	Palmer	Carol J. Moran	Palmer

JULY

1	Justin A. Singer	Ware	Becky L. Bessette	Ware
8	Charles C. Baker	Palmer	Lorinda L. Bortolussi	Palmer
8	Michael R. Partlow	Brimfield	Stacy L. Collins	Brimfield
8	Benjamin P. Mead	Palmer	Donna J. Sullivan	Palmer
29	David W. Goddu	Palmer	Gloria J. DeSantis	Palmer
29	Franklin H. Ryan III	Palmer	Robin M. Perrone	Palmer
30	Khayyam A. Mahdi	Palmer	Colleen S. Marby	Palmer

AUGUST

5	Scott G. Anderson	Palmer	Meghan C. Gallinagh	Palmer
5	Jason P. Dugay	Palmer	Crystal A. Nevue	Palmer
5	John F. Gladkowski	Palmer	Liane J. Sullivan	Palmer
5	Vincent J. Mastriani	Palmer	Donna L. Peperis	Palmer
8	Paul A. Bolduc, Sr.	Palmer	Donna M. Sears	Palmer
12	Christopher J. Dalessio	Agawam	Valerie L. Ormsby	Agawam
12	Stephen Dill	Palmer	Amanda B. Preissler	Palmer
12	David M. Peritz	Westfield	Kathleen M. Lewis	Westfield
13	Michael A. Baker	Palmer	Wendy A. Belsito	Palmer
19	Bruce S. Katawicz	Palmer	Sarah J. St.John	Palmer
19	Marc B. McCarthy	Palmer	Penny L. Soucy	Palmer
26	Daniel P. Belanger	Palmer	Lisa M. Zundell	Palmer
30	Rodney W. Rusiecki	Palmer	Gwen E. Hartley	Palmer

SEPTEMBER

2	Stephen A. Orlik	Palmer	Susan L. Behrens	Palmer
9	Scott L. Easton	Monson	Susanlee E. LaBroad	Monson
9	John A. Paquette	Palmer	Laurie M. Field	Palmer
9	Arleigh J. Parker	Palmer	Coral A. Cady	Palmer
16	Jeffrey A. Maurice	Palmer	Erica E. Spelko	Monson
16	Steven M. Ruiz	Palmer	Kimberly L. Lincoln	Palmer
16	Scott R. Coggins	Palmer	Joy R. Putnam	Palmer
30	Troy M. Lagimoniere	Palmer	Kristy L. Sears	Belchertown

OCTOBER

7	Douglas B. Dulak	Palmer	Jennifer A. Mayberry	Palmer
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7	William E. Kenyon	Palmer	Angelina S. Egdahl	Brimfield
7	Brian P. McNally	Stoughton	Jennifer A. Vaill	Stoughton
7	Mark A. Randall	Palmer	Anna M. O'Connor	Palmer
13	Jesse A. Davis	Monson	Adrienne J. Couture	Palmer
14	Alfred J. Chickering	Palmer	Sue E. Russo	Palmer
21	Eric W. King	Agawam	Kathryn M. Lech	Palmer
21	John M. Piechota Jr.	Ware	Donna R. Brodeur	Ware
28	Michael F. DiRoma	Westfield	Allyson M. Holt	Westfield
28	Vernon E. Percy	Palmer	Diana Hay	Palmer

NOVEMBER

5	John P. Vadnais	Palmer	Doreen E. Hutchison	Wilbraham
17	Frank W. Spelko	Pamer	Lorraine D. Brodeur	Palmer
18	Raymond B. Crane	Palmer	Mieke A. Godek	Palmer
18	Edward E. Kivari, Jr.	Wilbraham	Sophia P. Adderley	Wilbraham
18	Timothy F. LaForest	Monson	Susan L. Carr	Palmer

DECEMBER

16	Justin P. Sawicki	Palmer	Tanya D. Turner	Palmer
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DEATHS 2000

JANUARY

2	John Wells	63
5	Helen M. Sekula	68
7	Laina Wilhelmina Calkins	90
9	Louise Ada Reome	95
9	Irene Topping	89
11	Alice Rose Fortier	85
11	Richard Lee Harrell	55
19	Charlotte An Moreau	62
23	Mary J. Nietupski	94
26	Field Case Leonard	85
27	Bonifacio Joseph Mancini	80
27	Helen Woffenden	76
29	Anna Lombardi	89
30	Cecelia M. Opalinski	74
31	V. William Swirk	78

FEBRUARY

2	Francis Louis Rollet	77
8	Vital Wilfred Desmarais	85
14	Charles Eugene Graveline	97
19	Wendall Leslie Lasher	94
20	Edward S. Wostena	85
26	Alice C. Korzec	72
26	Michael Hugh Walsh	53
27	Clarence Victor Rooks	75
29	Paul Christopher Welsh	62

MARCH

1	Easter Chartier	76
2	Frederick Miller Cohn	87
5	Chester Beaudry	65
5	Elsie Victoria Motyka	78
8	Nora Axtmann	87
8	Stanley Wozniakowski	84
9	Julia Catherine Adamski	100
11	Pauline Stella Pluta	93
12	Charles Morris Johnson	66
15	William J. Martin	82
15	Mary Rose Sullivan	60
17	Regina Loraine Perry	86
17	Julia T. Styspeck	90
18	Sally Robertson	51

18	James Francis Stroshine	63
19	Edna M. Graveline	88
19	Henry Ives Olson	84
19	Ednah Mavis Shaw	94
20	Rita Beatrice Duby	80
22	William F. Dernoga	55
23	Edward J. Rudnick	80
27	Norman J. Donnelly	85
28	Maureen Ann Clason	68
29	Frederick S. Sowa	86

APRIL

2	Frederic William Fuller Jr.	83
2	Roy Enio Lenard	73
3	Genevieve Szanderowski	78
5	Madelene A Newsome	83
6	Sarment Fernandes	71
7	Frank M. Boyko	77
8	Mary Claire Donovan	94
8	Vincent K. Fillmore	52
8	Frank A. Zdrojkowski	83
21	Helen E. Griffin	85
26	Thomas Wayne Farnham	88
28	Lydia Hlastava	83
30	Thaddeus C. Romaniak	39

MAY

3	Kenyon Glendon Gilbert	78
3	Ronald Roger Rogers	69
5	Elsie Margaret Gowrie	96
5	Irma Lorraine Maddern	92
8	Jean C. Pytko	79
11	Francis Thomas Gilmartin Sr.	86
13	Charles Edward Ralicki	52
14	Lorin Frederick Burt	88
14	Carl Bernard Washburn	65
16	Lydia Theresa Corcoran	78
21	Marie Eleanor Cassidy	81
23	Michael Todesco	52
24	Frederic Paul Benoit	66
26	Joseph Gabriel Lesniewski	81
26	Marie Rais	65
28	Mary Rudgis	82
30	Stanley W. Pietryka	89

JUNE

2	Marie Rose Gertrude Bourgault	69
4	Helen Mae Holmquist	83
10	Edward James Branscombe	66
12	Donald E. Gilman	65
21	Carla Lee Colecchia	47
24	Donald M. Giguere	81
27	Eleanor Albrecht	87
27	Patricia M. Marcinek	69
29	Maria Luisa Joaquim	76
29	Louis William Shepard	74
30	Verdine Virgen Manning	72

JULY

1	Lorriane Doris Chagnon	73
3	Madeline Lillian Baird	85
3	Nellie J. Dwarska	76
4	Joseph John Nikodem	43
6	Peter P. Sakowski	85
10	Edna F. Nytko	87
13	Stephanie Maziarz	86
19	Frederick Alfred Corbin, Jr.	56
19	David James Pikul	48
21	Lorraine E. Harrington	80
22	Peter Joseph Styspeck	88
25	William J. Riley	52

AUGUST

1	Mary Louise Hartley	78
1	Kathleen Belle Lowell	86
2	Frances Gurski	82
5	Pasquale Gerard DeLevo	84
6	Micislawas Thomas Savickas	82
9	Bridget V. Lebida	95
14	Evelyn Madeline Baker	93
17	Sophie I. Przedpelski	91
21	Beatrice May Young	77
22	Norman Homer Brodeur	81
24	Mary Elizabeth Gouvin	77
28	Helen P.A., Murphy-Hill	61

SEPTEMBER

4	Charles J. Thomas, Jr.	31
6	Matthew Johann Apenburg	6
8	Lillian C. Lowe	36
10	Alice T. Willey	79

12	Joseph John Robert Larose	72
15	Carolyn Abigail Gunther	79
16	Roger G. Desmarais	75
16	Cecile Dolores Krystofik	84
17	William Edward Hurley, Jr.	71
17	Larry Edward Oakes	40
20	Doris Theresa Czech	73
22	Genevieve Elizabeth Soltys Dojka	82
26	Leland L. Gardner	70
27	Mary Julia Czechowski	87
28	Frank J. Baldyga	83
29	Beatrice Regina Bonnayer	88
29	Elizabeth Sarah Hafner	83

OCTOBER

1	Leanora May Jodoin	85
3	George Francis Hafner	53
4	Genevieve C. Matera	86
7	Joseph Louis Desrosiers	94
8	Lester Everett Davis Jr.	79
9	Margaret M. Wilson	94
12	Frank Walter Papuzenski	82
13	Helen Lejman	79
14	Merritt Bert Hyatt	84
16	Lena Exilia Gaboury	79
16	John Joseph Mullen	76
17	Elmer LeRoy Cleveland	84
18	Theodore John Arabik	89
19	Francis Joseph Carey	74
21	Robert Stanley Cave	71
26	Earl L. LaFleche, Jr.	53
26	Margaret Muir Outhuse	80
26	George M. Stine	88
30	Eva Ada Nielsen	89
30	Louis Henry Robichaud Sr.	79
31	Anna A. Dernoga	89

NOVEMBER

3	Thomas Francis Kearns	74
7	Sophie D. Metcalf	88
8	Edward J. Salamon	86
12	Cora M. Wallace	89
13	Caroline J. Janek	40
19	Bernice Evelyn Bemben	87
20	Alice Evelyn McCollom	87
21	Frank Edward Filip	89

21	Joan Phyllis Nompoggi	67
25	Concetta Miceli	88
26	Lillian Romanik	86
28	Peter M. Lisak	74

DECEMBER

3	Neil H. Apraham	30
7	Norman D. LeBlanc	65
10	Nathalie Berthiaume	90
11	Joan Frances Newton	61
12	Stephanie Domey	86
14	Myrna Marjorie Bleau	72
15	Marshall William Dane	85
19	Earl Cone Chapin	81
19	Nadara Moschitto	78
20	Adeline Elizabeth Warka	82
27	Kenneth Katz	57
27	Dennis A. Tighe, Sr.	78

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year July 1,1999 through June 30,2000

Account of 1990

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$4,429.79
Paid Treasurer	<u>.00</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$4,429.79

Account of 1991

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$6,937.21
Paid Treasurer	<u>.00</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$6,937.21

Account of 1992

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$25,771.54	
Interest	<u>2,983.31</u>	\$28,754.85
Paid Treasurer	\$5,824.58	<u>5,824.58</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$ 22,930.27

Account of 1993

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$ 40,463.52	
Interest	<u>4,214.45</u>	\$ 44,677.97
Paid Treasurer	\$10,794.00	<u>\$10,794.00</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$33,883.97

Account of 1994

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$100,123.54	
Additional warrants to be collected	28.13	
Interest	<u>7,812.00</u>	\$107,963.67
Paid Treasurer	\$18,801.75	<u>18,801.75</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$89,161.92

Account of 1995

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$126,772.66	
Additional warrants to be collected	27.50	
Interest	<u>10,316.45</u>	\$137,116.61
Paid Treasurer	\$25,353.73	<u>25,353.73</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$111,762.88

Account of 1996

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$161,916.43	
Interest	<u>16,184.84</u>	\$178,101.27
Paid Treasurer	\$46,565.18	<u>46,565.18</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$131,536.09

Account of 1997

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$200,547.73	
Additional assessors warrants to be collected	22.50	
Interest	17,341.45	\$217,911.68
Paid Treasurer	\$60,263.34	
Abatements	11.25	\$ 60,274.59
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$157,637.09

Account of 1998

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$288,673.05	
Additional assessors warrants to be collected	9,090.71	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax abated after payment	284.21	
Interest	18,506.73	\$316,554.70
Paid Treasurer	\$98,059.24	
Abatements	412.54	\$ 98,471.78
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$218,082.92

Account of 1999

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$489,294.45	
Additional assessors warrants to be collected	214,276.45	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax abated after payment	11,918.56	
Personal Property tax abated after payment	74.12	
Real Estate Tax abated after payment	39,972.04	
Interest	23,336.56	\$778,872.18
Paid Treasurer	\$476,209.34	
Abatements	20,023.39	\$496,232.73
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$282,639.45

Account of 2000

Assessor's warrant to be collected	\$10,369,372.22	
Motor vehicle Excise tax abated after payment	3,835.56	
Real Estate tax abated after payment	1,878.90	
Interest	12,048.76	\$10,387,135.44
Paid Treasurer	\$9,711,087.38	
Abatements	141,691.67	\$ 9,852,779.05
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$534,356.39

Mobile Home Park received July 1,1999 - June 30,2000	\$10,870.00
Paid Treasurer	\$10,870.00

Demands received July 1,1999 – June 30, 2000	\$14,114.42
Paid Treasurer	\$14,114.42

Motor Vehicle Mark fees received July 1 1999 -June 30,2000	\$8,740.00
Paid Treasurer	\$8,740.00

Sewer User Charge

Account of 1990	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$114.00
Paid Treasurer	<u>0.00</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$114.00
Account of 1991	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$432.00
Paid Treasurer	<u>0.00</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$432.00
Account of 1992	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$580.00
Paid Treasurer	<u>0.00</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$580.00
Account of 1993	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$1,421.28
Paid Treasurer	<u>118.00</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$1,303.28
Account of 1994	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$43,229.45
Paid Treasurer	\$354.00
Abatements	13,002.86
Tax Title Possession Account	<u>944.00</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$14,300.86
	\$28,928.59
Account of 1995	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$6,706.00
Paid Treasurer	<u>990.69</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$5,715.31
Account of 1996	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$8,945.00
Paid Treasurer	<u>1,972.50</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$ 6,972.50
Account of 1997	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$13,025.16
Paid treasurer	<u>3,444.16</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$ 9,581.00
Account of 1998	
Outstanding July 1,1999	\$26,121.88
Additional Warrants	<u>3,041.10</u>
Paid Treasurer	\$14,311.60
Abatements	<u>173.50</u>
Outstanding June 30,2000	\$29,162.98
	\$14,485.10
	\$14,677.88

Account of 1999

Outstanding July 1,1999	\$374,444.72	
Additional warrants to be collected	42,116.69	
Sewer charges abated after payment	6,239.38	
Interest	1,267.00	
Committed interest	4,935.00	\$429,002.79
Paid Treasurer	245,696.94	
Abatements	2,404.00	248,100.94
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$180,901.85

Account of 2000

Warrants to be collected	\$1,177,291.05	
Sewer charges abated after payment	1,860.00	
Interest	1.00	\$1,179,152.05
Paid Treasurer	955,484.05	
Abatements	14,250.00	969,734.05
Outstanding June 30,2000		\$209,418.00

Respectfully submitted

Roger Brach – Town Collector

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

2000 was a year of change for the Community Development Department. In January Larry Smith left the position of Community Development Director. Larry was with the department for 10 years and responsible for acquiring and administering over \$8 million worth of grants. In September Walter Adamczyk the department's Rehabilitation Specialist left and took a position with a major retailer. Walter was with the department for 10 years and administered over 100 housing rehabilitation projects. In September the Board of Selectmen appointed Alice Davey as the Community Development Director. In October Kenneth Wolanin was hired as the department's Rehabilitation Specialist, and in November Deborah Szostek was hired as the department's Administrative Assistant.

During 2000 the Community Development Department completed Phase 2 of the Depot Village Streetscape Project and 2 Depot Village Façade/Sign projects. The Community Development Department continues to administer grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Housing and Community Development. Funding for these grants is available through the Community Development Block Grant Program and was awarded for Housing Rehabilitation, Façade/Signs, and Streetscape Improvements in Depot Village.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program provides deferred payment loans with a term of either 5 or 15 years, for the purpose of rehabilitating housing units, occupied by people of low to moderate income. The target area for this program includes the following streets: **Arnold, Barlow, Bowden, Diane, Fairview, Fletcher, Green, Lathrop, Mechanic, North Main (1466-1520 even only, 1520-1808 all), Norman, Orchard, Randall, Roosevelt, Searle, Shearer, (1-77 only), Taft, Temple, Wilson, and Wright.**

The Façade/Sign program provides deferred payment loans with a term of 5 years, to commercial building owners in the Depot Village Target area. The money is for the sole purpose of rehabilitating building facades. To date 7 buildings have benefited from this program. The Community Development Department is currently working with 4 additional building owners to finalize plans for the rehabilitation of building facades.

Phase 2 of the Depot Village Streetscape Improvement project included improvements to the sidewalks in front of the Holbrook site, and down Bridge Street. New decorative streetlights, trees, benches and pavers were installed. Plans are underway for phase 3 and phase 4 of this project, which includes improvements to the sidewalks south to Central Street. Phases 3 and 4 will also include the installation of decorative streetlighting, trees, benches, pavers, and the widening of the sidewalks. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2001.

The Community Development Department is administering an award of \$95,000 from the 1999 Massachusetts Turnpike Authority Tourism Grant Program. This award will be used to pay for the design and installation of pedestrian crossing signals and ADA compliant curb cuts in front of the Palmer Public Library and at the intersection of Thorndike and Park Streets. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2001.

The Community Development Department is overseen by a Community Development Advisory Committee comprised of:

Frank Real, Chairman
William Byrnes
Mike Marciniac
Gladys Stockwell
Veronica Strzeminski

Respectfully submitted by: Alice L. Davey, Director

PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION
2000 Annual Report

The Palmer Conservation Commission has seven members and one associate member, all of them volunteers who have as their charge the protection of Palmer Township's natural resources. Over the past year the Commission has acted upon or issued:

162 – Site Inspections	3 – Certificates of Compliance
13 – Determinations of Applicability	3 – Warning Notices
7 – Notices of Intent	7 – Forest Cutting Plan Reviews
8 – Orders of Conditions	

The Commission has been quite active in other respects as well:

- In early spring a program was started for regular testing of fecal coliform levels in the Swift, Ware, Quaboag, and Chicopee Rivers.
- Since early July the Commission has been working with the newly formed Opacum Land Trust on acquiring conservation lands.
- New Associate Member Grace Sheehan was approved and brought on board by the Commission in August.
- In September, the Commission was able to fulfill its long held quest for a Conservation Officer through hiring Meredith Savage for the part-time position. The Conservation Officer acts under the direction of the Commission on any of the above listed activities, and provides the Commission with expertise on wetlands issues.
- The Conservation Commission now not only sports brand new business cards, (a first for the Commission!), but is also very proud to be on-line with its very own e-mail address conservation@townofpalmer.com; a web site is sure to follow in 2001!

On the community level:

- The Conservation Commission voted to work with Palmer High School students on special environmental projects. These projects will be developed and directed by Commission Chair Michelle Corbeil-Crawford.
- AmeriCorps members were enlisted to help clear trails on Conservation property and plans are underway, with the guidance of Commission member Peter Izyk, to involve Palmer Eagle Scouts in this activity as well.
- In early spring, Commission member David Johnson led a bird watching and biodiversity survey hike on the Midura Conservation Land- look for more of these in the year 2001!
- The Commission applied for a Greenway Grant, sponsored by the Dept. of Environmental Management. The intent of the proposed project is to provide Palmer Township residents and visitors with a means to more fully appreciate and partake in the biodiversity held in the beautiful natural areas in their community.
- In a joint venture with the Historical Commission, the Conservation Commission is sponsoring a painting of an historical site; Commission member Jane Golas is leading this project.

And finally, for ongoing business:

- The Conservation Commission's petition for a Rivers Protection Act - Densely Developed Area designation for Palmer was determined to be incomplete by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. The Commission expects to resubmit its petition by early spring of 2001.
- Several property gifts made to the Commission in 2000 remain pending; the Commission will continue its work to make the acquisitions final.
- Conservation Officer Meredith Savage attended the University of Massachusetts sponsored Covert Project workshop- an intensive 3-day training for purposes of creating community liaisons who will promote land conservation and protection through community outreach and communication. Commission member David Johnson completed this training in 1999, and the two will continue to foster outreach projects using skills acquired from the workshop.

The Commission holds meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month; the meetings begin at 7pm and are open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Corbeil-Crawford, Chairperson
David Johnson, Co-Chairperson
Donald Duffy
Jane Golas

Peter Izyk
Harry Johnson
Phil Sampson
Grace Sheehan, Associate

PALMER COUNCIL ON AGING ANNUAL REPORT

The Council on Aging in 2000 provided a broad range of services to Palmer's 60+ population. Of the 2,263 Senior Citizen's, the number of unduplicated elders receiving a direct service from the Council on Aging were 1,592. Forty-Eight thousand ninety-seven units of service were provided. Those not receiving direct service were made aware of our programs through the Senior Newsletter. Twelve issues were printed and a total of 7,179 were mailed. Total mailing cost was \$1,489.75. The total received from Seniors for this mailing was \$490.00.

To care for the physical needs of our 60+ population, Health Screenings, Hearing Screenings, Foot Care and Exercise programs were provided at the Palmer Senior Center. Five hundred and fourteen unduplicated individuals took advantage of these programs. Six speakers engaged to discuss health related issues with medical equipment available at the Palmer Senior Center to be loaned at no charge as needed. Sixty individuals took advantage of this program.

A congregate meal program was held at the Palmer Senior Center, sponsored through the Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. and the Council on Aging. Two thousand seven hundred and ten meals were served throughout 2000. The Council on Aging continues to provide supportive services to homebound elders. Sixty-seven unduplicated elders were contacted by phone on a regular basis through the R-U-O-K program, totaling 3,961 times during 2000. In Home Meals provided 73 frail elders with a hot meal five days a week, totaling 14,174 meals.

A major project continues to be the In and Out of Town Transportation program. In 2000 162 unduplicated passengers, including 33 passengers under 60 utilized this service. Five thousand one hundred and forty trips were taken, totaling 15,663 miles. Total cost to operate this program was \$4,875.26 for oil, tires, repairs and extra driver wages. \$4,243.45 was contributed to this program through rider donations. The balance was paid by the Senior Citizens Club, Inc..

Six hundred and thirty-one unduplicated individuals took advantage of the activities offered at the Senior Center 7,670 times. Sixty individuals were helped through the Free Income Tax program. Tax Assistance, Fuel Assistance, Transportation, Information and referrals were also available to the under 60 low income and disabled population. One thousand seven hundred and eighty-one units of service were provided to this age group. Two hundred and five seniors attended the Annual Picnic and Christmas Party held at the Amvets Hall in Three Rivers.

Six thousand eight hundred forty-five signatures were acquired from the Senior Center daily registration sheets. Eight thousand three hundred eighteen phone calls were taken throughout 2000. One thousand seven hundred eighty-six calls were from the under 60 population.

There are 458 Veterans over 60, 110 Palmer residents in area Nursing Homes, and there were 91 deaths during 2000.

GRANT FUNDING

Twelve thousand eight hundred sixty-five dollars in Formula Grant money was awarded to the Palmer Council on Aging from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston for an Outreach Service Coordinator position. An Outreach Service Coordinator accesses and assesses the 60+ population to all Federal, State and County Programs they may be entitled to. Eight hundred sixty-two unduplicated in-home visits were made during 2000. There were a total of four hundred duplicated units of service provided by the Outreach Service Coordinator. This grant also funds the Health Program Coordinator position that is responsible for preparing speakers and relevant health seminars.

Thirty-two volunteers continued to assist in various programs and activities. In 2000, a total of 3,544 volunteer hours were donated to the Senior Center. If paid at \$6.00 per hour, they contributed \$21,264.00 worth of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Genevieve Bates, Chairperson
Nora McCarthy, Treasurer
Margaret Santaw, Secretary
Janice Kucewicz
Mary Hubert
Francis Riel
Alice Smith
Christine Stockmal
Edward Bradlenski

PALMER CULTURAL COUNCIL
2000 ANNUAL REPORT

The Palmer Cultural Council added 3 new members this year bringing the total number to 12 voting members. Diane Warnock-Graper, former chairperson, acted in the capacity of Ex-officio in order to smooth the transition to the new chairperson, Matthew Lovell. Various duties of the Council were divided among the membership including a cultural program survey conducted in the month of May.

Palmer continued to qualify for "streamlining" this year. All new Cultural Council members were required to attend a training by the Massachusetts Cultural Council field representative, Dyan Wiley, and also be in good-standing with the MCC. Through "streamlining" the process of receiving grant money is more expedient. Funds are available to Palmer in January instead of April. Palmer received from the MCC \$8,906.00 for the purpose of regranting.

Twenty-two applications were received and thirteen grants were awarded this year:

Pathfinder Regional School – students attend production of Romeo & Juliet

New England Performing Arts Center – 4 show series

Gregory Steven Rogers – Foot Artist Exhibit

Dewey Hill Winds – Woodwind Quintet Concert

Converse Middle School – Swingtime Quartet Concert

Novi Cantori – Choral Concert

Old Mill Pond School – students attend Landis & Company "Cinderella"

Palmer Public Library – Family Summer Series

Palmer High School – Square Dance Classes

Converse Middle School – students attend Performance Plus! At UMASS

Palmer Art Connection – Artist of the Month Outdoor Shows

Old Mill Pond School – students to attend Ecotarium

Old Mill Pond School – Sturbridge Village Field Study

The Town of Palmer Voted to transfer \$500.00 to the Palmer Cultural Council account at the November 20th Special Town Meeting. These funds will be used to obtain a matching grant from the MCC in the next year.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Athearn
Mary Bernat
Janisca Clark
Matthew Lovell
Lynn Plotczik
Lisa Ramsey
Ann Wright

Tom Arventos
Leah Bigda
Kathleen Hood
Chris Miarecki
Deborah Queiros
Diane Warnock-Graper

DOG OFFICER REPORT

A special thanks to the Palmer Journal for their excellent work year after year photographing strays so they may be adopted.

A special thanks to F.A.C.E.S., Ms. Carol Roy, Palmer Middle School, Noah's Ark Veterinary hospital and everyone who has donated food and toys to the Palmer Dog Kennels.

A special thanks to Second Chance, a new internet service located in Southbridge, MA. This organization not only takes pictures of dogs for adoption for the Palmer dog officer, but also for other dog officers in the area. This service is updated weekly. Palmer has adopted dogs out as far as the Cape, East Boston and New Hampshire. Log on to dogcrazy@westwellswebworks.com.

NOTICE TOWN RESIDENTS

Year 2001 dog licenses are due April 1 – May 31.

License Fees

Male	\$15.00
Neutered male	\$ 5.00
Female	\$15.00
Spayed female	\$ 5.00
Late fee as of June 1	\$ 4.00
Late fee as of July 1	\$10.00

All stray dogs are held for ten days and then become the property of the Town of Palmer. They are then put up for adoption for a fee of \$10.00.

DOG OFFICER REPORT

January 1,2000 – December 31, 2000

475 Complaints were received and followed up on
52 Lost dogs and cats were reported
19 Dogs adopted

Quarantine at Palmer Kennels

1 Dog
2 Cats

Burial

5 Cats
9 Deer
4 Skunks
1 Raccoon
1 Coyote
1 Goose

Other animals picked up and adopted

1 Rabbit
1 Ferret
3 Chickens

Fines issued to dog owners who do not obey the Palmer Leash Law:

1 st Offense	\$25.00
2 nd Offense	\$35.00
3 rd Offense	\$50.00

In 2000 there were 35 fines issued at \$25.00 each. Total fines for 2000: \$875.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Guzik
Dog Officer

Wanda Guzik
Assistant Dog Officer

REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

As Electrical Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I hereby submit the following Annual Report for inspections made by me for the year 2000:

Residential	239
Commercial	42
Industrial	11
Other	11

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley J. Pietryka
Electrical Inspector

FOREST FIRE WARDEN – ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

I herewith submit my report as Forest Fire Warden of the Town of Palmer for the year 2000.

The Town of Palmer Forest Fire Department responded to a total of 51 incidents during the year.

- 11 Forest and brush fires in Palmer Fire District No.1
- 0 Three Rivers Fire District No.2
- 0 Bondsville Fire District No.3
- 3 Thorndike Fire District No.4
- 3 Mutual Aid
- 9 Controlled burning with permit to burn brush
- 25 Unauthorized burning of brush and related materials

At this time I would like thank our Firefighters for their response, neighboring fire departments, the Board of Selectmen, Palmer Police Department, and the Central Emergency Dispatch for their assistance and cooperation provided during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Roy
Forest Fire Warden

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

The Forestry Department took in many calls regarding dead trees, dead wood and the clearing of branches. The Department had 22 trees and 60 stumps removed due to hazardous conditions.

At this time we wish to thank Massachusetts Electric Company and Northern Tree for their help and cooperation in the removal of trees and branches in the past year. A thank-you also goes out to Massachusetts Electric for the donation of 12 trees and the town employees who planted them.

Respectfully submitted,

**James D. Chadwick
Tree Warden**

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

As Gas Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I am responsible for the inspection, testing and issuing of permits in accordance with the codes and regulations of the Massachusetts General Laws. In this capacity approximately fifty-seven (57) permits were issued.

The second phase of work done includes investigating complaints of old and potentially dangerous gas fitting installations, violations of the law, and hazardous defective material.

I would like to thank all the personnel involved with the Building Department for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Stahelski
Gas Inspector, Town of Palmer

2000 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The following is a summary of licenses and permits that were issued by the Board of Health in the year 2000:

Animal	14
Dumpster	2
Food	91
Ice Cream	2
Frozen Dessert	6
Funeral Director	3
Hauler	12
Installer	30
Massage Therapist	3
Mobile Home Park	1
Mobile Food Server	6
Motel	2
Recreational Camp	2
Swimming Pool	1
Tanning	4
Temporary Food	1
Temporary Non-Profit	2
<u>Tobacco</u>	<u>40</u>
Total	231

The Board of Health witnessed, collected fees and issued permits for 50 Percolation Tests during the year 2000. Septic Designs were reviewed and approved by the Board.

Forty-two Housing Inspections were made by the Board of Health for the health and safety of the occupants. Violations were corrected to meet the standards of the State Sanitary Code. One hundred fifty-seven Investigations were made by the Board of Health to comply with Regulations and Laws pertaining to Public Health.

Over 700 preventive Influenza injections were given in 2000. Influenza clinics were spread out this year due to a manufacturing problem and were set up in different areas as vaccines were available; a shut in clinic was also offered. Sixteen Clinics were provided offering Hep B, TD, Polio, MMR, DTaP and Hib. A total of 1100 Immunizations were given.

Seventy-four Reportable Diseases were recorded in 2000.

The Board of Health passed regulations restricting youth access to tobacco plus town-wide regulations banning smoking in restaurants, health care facilities, municipal buildings, public transportation and public places other than bars and bingo halls.

Three students from Palmer High School presented to the Board a petition signed by approximately 550 students supporting smoke free restaurants in Palmer. The Town of Palmer should be proud of its School Health Advisory Council that helped us attain this accomplishment. What a wonderful legacy for our children and such an important step to address this public health crisis.

A new Food Code went into effect on October 1, 2000 mandating all Board of Health members to take courses to become certified restaurant inspectors; the state is also mandating that 1 person from each restaurant take this course to become more knowledgeable in preventative measures of food poisoning.

New areas of concern touched on but will have to be followed up on are Western Nile Virus, Beaver Laws and Body Art Regulations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rose C. Tyburski, Chairperson
Thomas M. Dranka
Paul E. Benard

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Palmer Highway Department herewith submits its Annual Town report for the year ending December 31, 2000.

The Highway Department continues to maintain highways, sidewalks, sewerlines and drainage throughout the Town.

We answered approximately 75 to 100 calls on clogged sewers. We have also answered approximately 1,500 calls from residents on all sorts of different problems. Whenever possible we solve these problems or point concerned citizens in the right direction.

Thanks to the relentless efforts of Senator Stephen Brewer, we may once again walk across the South Main Street Bridge without fearing for our lives.

We continue to cut brush along the side of the roads improving the safety of drivers and pedestrians alike. With the increasing number of people walking we have stepped up our sidewalk maintenance program to the maximum allowed with the money available in the budget. Because of their condition several sidewalks need to be replaced. We are also stepping up our road sign program to replace worn out or missing street signs, stop signs, no parking signs, speed limit signs, etc.

This past winter has been one of the worse in quite a long time. The cost of such a winter is not only measured in sand, salt and labor but also in repairs to equipment and replacement of equipment beyond repair. This year proved to be quite expensive.

At this time I would like to thank the Palmer Police Department for their help during snowstorms and snow removal. Once again Chief Frydryk and his men have done an outstanding job. I would like to thank all other Department heads and their staff for all of their help. They help make my job a lot easier.

Respectfully submitted,

**Phillip Sampson
Palmer Highway Superintendent**

PALMER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2000 ANNUAL REPORT

The Palmer Historical Commission's monthly meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month in the Town Administration Building. At these meetings, which are open to the public, topics of historical significance as they pertain to the Town of Palmer are discussed. In addition, donations of historical items are always welcome and are acknowledged.

Election of Officers for 2000-2001 took place at the April 26, 2000 meeting:

Stephen M. Nowak, Chairman
Marion F. Lis, Treasurer
Lorraine Y. Novak, Secretary

At the June 21, 2000 Board of Selectmen's Meeting, Stephen Nowak awarded the Palmer Historical Commission's Cane to Mr. Edgar Thomas, signifying him as the oldest male in the Town of Palmer. Mr. Thomas turned 94 years old on July 28, 2000, and worked at Wickwire Spencer (CF&I) from 1935 until his retirement in 1970. The ceremony was attended by many friends and relatives, and several proclamations recognizing Mr. Thomas were also read.

The Palmer Historical Commission is presently working with members of the Union Evangelical Church in Three Rivers to obtain information necessary to achieve its inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Commission gave the Palmer Public Library permission to use the Jacob Knight painting, which depicts Palmer's colorful history, on the Town of Palmer's web page. The web site will electronically link Palmer with the world through the Internet.

Donations received:

- Photographs of the 1938 Flood in downtown Three Rivers were donated by Julie Pluta of Ware.
- Photographs depicting two views of Enfield, Massachusetts from Mrs. Anna Kennett of Monson.

Each year on the Sunday before Memorial Day, members of the Palmer Historical Commission join other Historical Commissions of the Quabbin Valley for a parade and Memorial Service at Quabbin Park Cemetery. This service commemorates the lives of those people who once lived in the four towns now covered by the waters of the Quabbin Reservoir. This year's ceremony was held on May 28, 2000, and was attended by several members of the Palmer Historical Commission.

We wish to thank the residents of the community for assisting us in preserving Palmer's history.

Respectfully submitted,

PALMER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephen Nowak
Marion Lis
Lorraine Novak
Jane Golas
Rose Riskalla
Sandra Nichols
Harold Olson

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Palmer Housing Authority office and the development, known as Laurel Manor, is located at 13 Fletcher Street. The development consist of 48 one bedroom units operating under the State Chapter 667 Elderly/Handicapped Program. Units were first occupied in January of 1971.

Applications are available and accepted on an ongoing basis. Simply contact the Fletcher Street office (283-9311) during the regular hours. Names will be placed on the waiting list in accordance with the rules and regulations. The current income limits for eligibility are, \$26,900 for one person and \$30,700 for two persons. The Palmer Housing Authority Board of Commissioners has adopted the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Housing & Community Development and are carried out by the two part time staff members.

The Board of Commissioners meet monthly to conduct the authority business. The Board consists of 4 elected members and one state appointed member. Each member serves a five year term.

The Board of Commissioners continues to provide a safe, clean and affordable housing facility for those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica A. Strzemienski, Chairperson
Ronald W. Lemanski, Vice Chairperson
Richard E. Fontaine, Treasurer
Robert B. Bishop, Assistant Treasurer
Myrtle F. Davis, State Appointee

REPORT OF THE LICENSE COMMISSION

The following is a summary of the licenses and fees collected for the 2000 calendar year:

All alcoholic beverage license:

Inn Holder	\$600.00	2
Club	\$500.00	5
Retail Package Store	\$500.00	4
Seasonal	\$300.00	1
Restaurant	\$600.00	12

Wine & Malt Beverage License:

Retail Package Store	\$400.00	3
Restaurant	\$500.00	5

The Commissioners approved Sunday openings for package stores during the holiday season and a fee of \$25.00 was charged by the Town for the privilege.

The License Commission collected fees amounting to \$16,195.00 which were turned over to the Treasurer for deposit into the general fund.

Leon Wlodyka, Chairman
Dennis Gaudreau, Vice Chairman
John R. Mastalerz, Clerk

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE **ANNUAL REPORT**

The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) is a federally mandated committee that will help our community protect public health, safety, and the environment from chemical hazards. The LEPC will become the focal point for all activities involved with Title III, Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act. The following activities will become the primary responsibility of the LEPC; data collection and information management, development of an emergency response plan, data collection on accidental chemical release, dealing with public inquiries about the risks of a chemical release, and to increase public awareness about the presence of hazardous materials within the Town of Palmer. By accomplishing these tasks the committee will make the community of Palmer a more knowledgeable and safe place to live.

As of this report, the LEPC has met State and Federal requirements to submit an application for Start-Up Certification. This is the first of three levels of certification that the LEPC will be required to fulfill. Upon certification, the Town of Palmer will be eligible for operating and planning grants.

On June 8, 2000, the Towns of Palmer, Wilbraham, Monson, Ludlow and state agencies came together to test their readiness to respond to major chemical emergencies. The exercise received good grades from representatives of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency who oversaw the exercise.

I would like to recognize the private and public agencies who are members of the Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Selectmen's Office, Palmer Police Department, Palmer, Three Rivers, Bondsville Fire Departments, Board of Health, Highway Department, Office of Emergency Management, Conservation Committee, Palmer School Department, UMass/Wing Hospital, Palmer Waste Water Treatment, Palmer, Three Rivers, Bondsville, Thorndike Water Departments, Palmer Ambulance Service, Inc., Palmer Journal/Register, American Brokers, Rathbone Precision Metals, Inc., and community representatives. More agencies will be added to the LEPC throughout the year.

In closing, I thank all the agencies and representatives who have taken their own time to attend meetings held throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Roy, Chairman
Local Emergency Planning Committee

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Palmer, MA.

I respectfully submit my report on the following licenses
issued for the year 2000:

49 Milk Store Licenses @ \$5.00

Total.....\$245.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter J. Swiatlowski
Milk Inspector

REPORT OF THE PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Expansion of services, technologies, collections, grant opportunities and programming, highlighted a very successful 2000 at the Palmer Public Library. Two new programs were undertaken with the assistance of grants awarded by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. A *Homework Center* grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 will establish a computer based homework information center in the Library to assist students in grades 5 - 12 with their studies. The successful implementation of this grant is further assured with the addition of a 20 hour-per-week Young Adult librarian position to our staff. This librarian will work directly with students and parents utilizing the center in addition to building and maintaining strong relationships with teachers at the Palmer High School and Converse Middle School. We are most appreciative of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Town Meeting voters for their support of this position, underscoring the important role the Library has in support of formal education in the Town of Palmer.

The second grant awarded to the Library from the MBLC entitled - *A Click Forward: New Keys to Literacy*, is in the amount of \$16,750.00. This grant will establish a computer lab in the Learning Center of the Literacy Volunteers of the Quaboag Valley to teach parents and guardians of students in grades 5 - 12 the skills they need to assist themselves and their children to gather information in the electronic age. "Net Nights" will be scheduled in the computer labs at the middle and high schools providing parents and their children an opportunity to practice and learn new skills in a fun and informative environment. By partnering with LVA of the Quaboag Valley, this grant also enables that organization to move "traditional" literacy education into the electronic information age. This grant, as with the *Homework Center*, builds upon the strong relationship the Library has with Palmer's public schools via our formalized relational organization named - the Palmer Affiliated Library Services - or PALS for short. The PALS relationship reaped additional rewards this year when the Converse Middle School Library became one of the first school libraries to receive a grant from the MBLC. The *CMS Friday Morning Book Club* will bring students and books and authors together throughout the school year. Our congratulations go out to CMS librarians Jane Urban and Jan Marciniak for becoming a "pioneering" public school library!

The Library continued, in 2000, to demonstrate the importance of services to young people by establishing children's programs such as the Children's Playgroup and through storyhours that reached new levels of attendance. School Vacation Programs were enhanced with the scheduling of professional performers, made possible through the generosity of the local Arts Lottery Council. Our relationship with the Massachusetts Department of Education, realized additional funding for specialized collections, such as

"Creative Arts Kits", musical instruments, puzzles and similar "manipulatives" that are essential for early childhood development. The 2000 Summer Reading Program demonstrated why year after year Palmer has the best program in the Commonwealth. Over 1,000 young people joined the Summer Reading Club, once again, setting a new record for participants. These young readers were joined by 112 "older" readers, as the Library initiated an "Adult Summer Reading Club" with all the fun and perks of Summer Reading. As in previous years, the Library was able to provide, free-of-charge, a Summer Reading T-shirt to all participants, (adults included!) due to the financial contributions of 17 very generous businesses and civic organizations.

Also in 2000, the Library was able to expand hours-of-operation thanks again to the support of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Town Meeting voters. Sunday hours (12-4 , Oct.-April) have been established to coincide with as much of the school academic year as the budget allows. Sunday attendance at the Library in October and November has increased steadily with students and their parents taking good advantage of the many resources at their disposal. Summer Saturday hours (9-12) were established for the first time and were extremely popular with patrons.

The Library continued its strong tradition of partnering with existing organizations to provide new or improved services for patrons. The Library worked with Springfield Technical Community College to establish a computer lab in the Library to serve STCC students attending classes at the Palmer High School. These computers hold all of the specialized software needed by these students. The Palmer Library has proven to be an ideal location for the lab offering students access to information seven-days-a-week.

In 2000 the Library continued to provide services to Palmer's senior citizens. In addition to providing meeting space, the Library via the Bookmobile, made deliveries to 54 homebound seniors every month, in addition to making weekly stops at senior housing complexes. The very popular *Seniors Surf the Web* program continued on Friday mornings, allowing seniors opportunities to learn more about the Internet and other forms of electronic information technology.

The Friends of the Library continued to be active in 2000. In addition to the annual *Festival of Lights* and *Travel Series*, the Friends' used book store raised thousands of dollars for the Building Expansion Fund.

And finally, in 2000, tremendous progress was made in furthering the project to realize an improved library facility for Palmer. At the October 16th Annual Meeting of the Palmer Library Association, a model of our greatly expanded library that was developed by the architectural firm of Alfred P. Casella was unveiled. The model reflects the considerable work of the architects, Building Expansion Committee members and library staff. It also incorporated input we received from those of you, along with other library users, who met last Spring with Sondra Vandermark, the consultant who wrote the Building Program for our library expansion project. In November, library staff began the

process of filing a formal grant application for construction funds from the MBLC. The application is due in January, 2001. As part of this application we will be developing a detailed plan for interior space in the existing building as well as in the new addition. Completed floor plans and other design elements will be available for you to view very soon. Stay tuned, and stay involved! The year 2001 will bring even more exciting news about YOUR new Library!

Circulation for FY99 - 201,027
Circulation for FY00 - 198,966

For the Board of Library Trustees

Mark J. Contois
Library Director

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

OPERATING BUDGET July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2000

RECEIPTS

Balance July 1, 1999	0.00	
Town Appropriation	619,920.00	
Endowment Income	3,383.40	
Lost or damaged books, Donations	5,597.81	
Interest Income	678.02	
	<hr/>	\$629,579.23

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	370,274.73	
Library Collection	101,081.15	
Operations	113,930.11	
Automation	15,502.47	
Supplies	13,851.23	
Programming	6,802.37	
Bookmobile	1,568.96	
Equipment	6,568.21	
	<hr/>	\$629,579.23

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 1999-2000

The Palmer Public Schools continue to progress as institutions of teaching and learning. There were many accomplishments in a number of areas:

- Policy development
- Extensive review and development of an emergency disaster/safe schools plan
- Finance and budget development
- Curriculum development
- Staff training and in-service
- Community involvement
- Space utilization review
- New educational programming

The Palmer School Committee aggressively seeks to improve and expand its policy manual. The following important policies were written and adopted in 99-00:

- School safety
- Weapons in school
- Home instruction
- Student searches
- Screening new employees
- Sexual harassment
- Assault and application of justifiable restraint
- Visitors to the schools
- Administering medications
- Restitution for damages to school property
- Extra-curricular activities: general
- Extra-curricular activities: field trips
- Extra-curricular activities: fund-raising
- Extracurricular activities: extended trips/out-of-state trips
- Extracurricular activities: staff transporting students in private vehicles
- Prohibited activities and equipment on school property
- School councils
- Interscholastic athletics

This is a remarkable accomplishment which matches the previous year in the number of policies considered. In some districts, policy development consists of one or two new policies annually. The fact that the Palmer Public Schools spent so much effort to consider so many new policies demonstrates that the Palmer School Committee wishes to establish and monitor the guidelines for managing the district.

The Palmer Public Schools spent months reviewing a safe schools/emergency disaster plan drafted by the superintendent. School Committee members Mary Salzmann and Christopher Geoffrion chaired a committee comprised of staff, administration, parents, students, residents,

town officials, and medical officials. That committee made major improvements to the draft and the plan is now operational.

The Palmer School Committee understands that its limited financial resources must be monitored closely. In the wake of the retirement of Bernice Oliveira, budget manager, the Committee decided to upgrade the position to that of Business Manager and hired Thomas Charko. Mr. Charko has a MBA and extensive business experience. With his arrival on the job, previous departments that had only received minimal supervision, such as maintenance, school lunch, transportation, and business suddenly found themselves with a supervisor who would assist all in improving operations. Mr. Charko streamlined financial management of payroll, accounts payable, record keeping, and budget. A new computerized software program, CompuSense, was purchased to give us state-of-the-art financial management.

The School Committee saw continued improvements in the budgeting process. They were given a three-tier budget for consideration: a first that showed a bare bones budget, a second that indicated appropriations that were needed to fund the programs so that the budget made a difference in student achievement, and a third which included decision packages of items not budgeted that were really needed.

Curriculum development continued to be a priority. The MCAS scores of the previous spring had indicated a deficit at all levels in student writing. The K-7 Language Arts and High School Department Chair for English developed writing prompts and had teachers at all levels trained to score student writing according to the rubrics used by the MCAS scorers. Student writing samples began at every grade. Curriculum writing teams met to examine MCAS scores and identify weaknesses in our curriculum materials. It was discovered that the students were being tested in areas that did not correlate well with our textbooks. Staff began learning to use CLASP, a computerized curriculum writing software that does match up well with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

The School Committee understands that community and parental involvement is critical to improving our schools. A questionnaire was sent to parents of incoming kindergarten, 5th and 8th grades to determine opinions on possibly moving those grades to a different building. Another survey was distributed on changing the school starting times because of student sleep deprivation. A similar survey was sent to all teachers. The responses to both surveys enabled administration to understand that conditions were not ready for a change. In another effort to involve the community, the Palmer Sports Hall of Fame was initiated. Ten members were inducted at a ceremony that had hundreds of attendees.

The district needs to know if its schools have adequate space to operate our programs, both now and in the near future. A space utilization committee comprising staff, administration, school committee representatives, residents, and parents formed to examine our needs. When it became clear that kindergarten enrollments would not reach earlier projections, the committee was suspended.

A number of new programs were implemented. The School Committee funded team teaching at PHS for incoming 8th grade students. A second Advanced Placement course was budgeted for

implementation in FY01. OMP also implemented Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome screening to determine if some students with reading problems could be helped by means of colored overlays. The district also opened up an Alternative School located in Three Rivers to help high school students who have difficulty in the regular setting. This program proved to be successful in that a number of students were able to return and succeed at PHS after being helped and counseled at the Alternative School.

The School Committee understands that it takes time and resources to build a quality educational program. We have begun to lay some important foundations.

Palmer School Committee

Christopher L. Geoffrion, Chairman

Maureen R. Gallagher, Vice Chairman

Mary A. Salzmann, Secretary

Cynthia R. Heffernan, Member

David M. Lynch, Member

OLD MILL POND SCHOOL

This school year has been one of transition and change. Some of these changes have been imposed from the outside, specifically by the Department of Education, and some from within, due to the ever increasing school population and needs of the students. These changes present a challenge for the faculty and staff of OMP. We are ready, and have already started implementing these changes to address the educational needs of the students at OMP.

The School Council is an advisory body that each school in the Commonwealth is required by law to have. The School Council at OMP since 1996 has called for the Inclusion of Special Education students into the regular classroom. Inclusion is providing services for Special Needs students as much as possible in the regular education classroom. Through this process, students are not stigmatized by being pulled out of their classroom, and taught an alternative curriculum in an alternative setting. By including students, all students are taught the same material, but at a level appropriate for them through modifications and adaptations. Special Education and Regular Education teachers work collegially to prepare lessons that address the needs of all students. Since 1996, Inclusion has been done in isolated pockets throughout the building. This past year some students at each grade have been placed in an inclusive setting. Teachers volunteered to participate in this practice. The general school schedule was also modified to allow teachers at each grade level common planning time. Throughout the year a Sped/Reg Ed. Committee has met once a month to discuss Inclusion, and the requirements to fully bring this practice to OMP. Teachers have also attended conferences, attended summer institutes, visited inclusive schools, and attended Saturday workshops. The majority of schools in Massachusetts practice Inclusion, and the I.E.P.'s of new students that have enrolled at OMP have specified inclusive practices. A survey conducted by the Palmer School Committee indicated that parents support the Inclusion process, but that there needs to be constant communication concerning the process. Through a Class Reduction Size Grant we have received additional funds to hire two additional Special Education teachers for the remainder of the school year. This will allow us to reduce the number of students assigned to each Special Education Teacher.

Another main focus of the staff this year has been the alignment of our curriculum to the State Frameworks. Time is our enemy in this effort, as the MCAS are based on Curriculum alignment with the Frameworks. Pat Carbone and Sue Brown, K-7 Curriculum Coordinators, have worked very hard with OMP teachers to address this need. Teachers have also worked hard to identify and remediate the weaknesses indicated on the MCAS tests. There is a building wide focus on writing, and answering inferential and open-ended questions across the curriculum. Each student, K-4 has a writing folder that will follow him or her from grade to grade. Students in grades 3 and 4 have participated in sample writing tests that have been scored using the state rubric. Students have been taught to use the rubric and apply these rules to their daily work. Grades K, 1, and 2 are also formulating rubrics, so that there is consistency throughout the grades.

Teachers have also started to introduce and correlate the use of technology in the classroom. Students are doing more research using the Internet, and presenting their findings using power point presentations. April Graziano, Library Media Specialist, and David Whitney, Technology Coordinator, along with a team of teachers were responsible for acquiring two Technology grants that enabled us to train teachers and purchase new equipment specifically two "Smartboards."

This past year we were able to continue the purchase of the Houghton Mifflin INVITATION TO LITERACY series for grade 1. This coming school year new texts will be purchased for grade 2. This series provides a strong literacy base for our students, and will standardize the Reading/Language Arts series grade 1-6, in the district. We must now look to update the other curriculum areas to keep the students current and on a level playing field with other school districts.

Old Mill Pond has recently been notified that it has been chosen as one of twenty-six BAY STATE READER'S SCHOOLS in Massachusetts. This grant brings with it an entitlement of \$130,000. The money is to be used to hire a Literacy Coordinator for the school, purchase new supplemental books, library books, a wide range of assessment materials, and to pay stipends for teachers to attend after school study groups and a two-week Summer Institute. Seventy staff members will attend a two-week Summer Institute, where they will be taught how to administer, and interpret a variety of diagnostic Reading tools. They will also be taught how to prepare remediation plans based on the results of the tests. We are very excited and pleased to have been selected to participate in the program. The Grant award is for three years.

Again through a grant, we are very fortunate to have been able to add to our Reading Recovery program. This program is a world-wide recognized program providing intensive one to one work with students who are exhibiting difficulty with learning the reading process in grade 1. Through very specialized training, the teachers learn specific strategies to help the students develop fluency, sentence structure, understanding, and use of language. They are also taught to help recognize words and their meanings. The program has been very successful and we are hopeful that through additional grants we may be able to train an additional Reading Recovery teacher to address the needs of the students.

The Enrichment Program led by Amy Herring, has been working throughout the building with students and staff alike to provide challenging activities for all students. The program has also enabled us to serve those children who are in need of more advanced services, as well as give students the opportunity to expand their horizons and the opportunity to practice critical thinking skills. Events such as the Science Fair, Great Books Program, and Inventor's Fair have been coordinated by Mrs. Herring.

Health services for the students have also been expanded thanks to a grant written by Mrs. Grabowski. This grant has enabled her to increase the nursing staff and the level of services being provided to the student. In class nursing instruction is now occurring thanks to the grant. The BREAKFAST ROCKS grant has enabled us to expand the variety of foods being offered at breakfast and to encourage more students to start their day with a nutritious varied breakfast.

Many people help to contribute to the variety and richness of the programs at OMP. On behalf of the students, staff and administration I would like to thank:

- OMP PTO, without this organization the students would miss out on so many wonderful cultural and family oriented activities. The additional funds given to teachers, helps provide those "extras" for the students.
- Palmer and Village Fire Departments, who work to insure that all students are aware of proper fire safety measures.
- Palmer Police Department for their help and assistance primarily with the D.A.R.E., and other safety and security issues.
- Palmer Public Library for the additional service of the Bookmobile as well as their cooperation with special projects.
- Palmer Senior Services, for the additional volunteers who work with our students
- OMP Library Volunteers, your extra hands are so needed and welcome.
- Palmer Park and Recreation Dept. and Highway Dept., for maintaining the grounds at OMP.
- Lastly, but more importantly to all the parents and citizens of the town of Palmer, thank you for your support and assistance throughout the year. This is your school, and your help is vital to providing our children with the skills necessary to become vital and productive citizens.

As OMP continues to grow and evolve the work and responsibility of the staff grows threefold. We are fortunate to have a group of individuals who are always seeking the little "thing" that will encourage or be the light that opens up a path of learning for the children. We are cognizant of the fact that the educational process of the children of Palmer starts at OMP. We are ready, and willingly accept the challenge awaiting the students and us as we move into the new millennium.

CONVERSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The 1999-2000 school year proved to be a challenging yet enjoyable year for the staff and students of the Converse Middle School.

Work continued on aligning the curriculum with the Massachusetts Frameworks and the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment (MCAS) testing. A concerted effort was made to provide a practical experience for the students with regards to the Writing Prompts for all grades. Evaluations of student work were completed and the curriculum sequence was aligned with state standards. Trial testing for grades 5, 6 and 7 was performed in May and the staff is looking forward to MCAS testing in all grades at the Middle School this spring.

Technology continues to be upgraded in all areas of the Middle School. All workstations are state of the art and should provide us with a strong base for handling software in the foreseeable future. The administrative software package is in place and is being implemented in phases. All demographic information is available for reports of a local and state nature. Attendance is completely electronic and a trial run was made late in the spring to allow for full implementation of electronic report cards. Discipline records are also maintained in electronic form.

The extra-curricular program continues to expand with offerings in Choral Music and Band. The Enrichment Program had another successful year by expanding the range of offerings as well as increasing the involvement of the students and the staff. The Problem Solving Teams competed successfully at the local level and were invited to the state competition at MIT. The Quaboag Valley School-to-Career Partnership continues to play an important role in programs at Converse by allowing students to explore education and career choice at an early age.

In cooperation with the Hampshire Educational Collaborative (HEC), Converse joined forces with other systems in the area to pursue a 21st Century Grant to expand after school programs. The initial response was encouraging and pursuit of grant acceptance will continue.

The Library continues to develop as the hub of educational activity at Converse. The collection continues to expand and supplement the curriculum. Research tools are readily available and fully utilized by staff and students. In October of this school year, the Converse Middle School Library Media Center's Strategic Plan was completed and submitted to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Jane Urban, librarian, worked with her planning committee to accomplish this task and was thus able to apply for federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds in the spring of this school year. The \$5,000 grant, which was approved, will fund an after school book club, as well as bring authors to CMS; this will also boost the library's collection of multiple-copy titles, which can be used in subsequent years by classroom teachers.

DARE continues to be a successful program at Converse. The roles of Officer Raymond Tenczar and Officer James Lynch in impacting the lives of our students cannot be minimized. Officer Lynch will be moving on to a different role in the schools and he will be missed at Converse. Officer Lynch was DARE in the initial stage of implementation. He is an outstanding individual and officer who has the general well being of the youth of Palmer as his primary mission. Thanks, Officer Lynch, for your time and dedication. Your presence will be missed at Converse. The support of Chief Frydryk continues to be strong for all aspects of programming at Converse and is appreciated.

The PTO continues to play a vital role in the Converse Middle School program and community. The PTO provides funding for field trips and cultural programs. The volunteer efforts of PTO

members allow for social activities, yearbook – thanks Ms. Conti – book fairs, decorations and chairpersons for various activities. The role of the PTO cannot be minimized. They are critical to the Middle School and the entire Converse community. Thanks to each member of the Converse PTO for his/her hard work and dedication.

This past year the school system lost one of the finest educators to have worked in Palmer. Brendan MacDonnell was an outstanding teacher for 38 years in the Palmer system. The last seven years he worked as an administrator at Converse. His hard work, dedication, knowledge, humor and caring attitude touched many individuals over the years. Brendan's impact on the people of Palmer was tremendous and even though he is gone he will not soon be forgotten.

The Converse Middle School continues to strive for excellence. The challenges of working with adolescents while preparing them for the challenges of life and the challenges of MCAS testing is great. A dedicated staff, working cooperatively with parents and community, can and will accept these challenges and together ensure our youth will grow into successful adults.

PALMER HIGH SCHOOL

Palmer High School enjoyed a successful and rewarding year in 2000.

The Class of 2000 graduated with high expectations. Fifty-six percent of the class went on to four-year colleges, twenty-nine percent into two-year schools, two percent into the military and thirteen percent into the world of work. Our students received scholarships and grants from local sources and colleges they will be attending totaling more than a half-million dollars.

There were many curriculum updates and additions during this year. Advanced Placement Calculus was introduced for students who would like to attain college credit. Honors Biology and Honors Chemistry were developed for our accelerated science students.

Other classes that were added to the course selection included Creative Writing Workshop and Print Journalism in the English Department, Music Management and Music Industry and Production in the Music Department, and Technology Education III in the Technology Education Department. Additional courses in the Consumer Science Department were also developed. They included Food and Nutrition and Exploring the World of Foods.

Teaming for students in grade 8 was also introduced this year. Each team consisted of Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and English teachers. Students also had the option of French, Spanish or Reading. The teams were developed in order to address the transition issues facing students as they enter the high school.

The school continued to offer a variety of clubs and activities to the students. Twenty-three different athletic teams are available for those interested in sports. Thirty-five different clubs and activities also exist. Examples include Chess and Math teams, the Drama program, Band, Chorus, Student Council and Interact.

This past spring, the Golf team won the Division II State Championship. This was the first state championship for Palmer High School in over sixty years. Coach Gerald Quesnel and his team won this event at their home course in Monson.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges continued the school's accreditation after they had the opportunity to review the Special Progress Report submitted in April. The association was pleased to see the progress that had been made by the school staff since their visit in 1999. Additional progress reports will have to be prepared for the association as part of the ongoing accreditation process.

The support of parents, community members and local businesses continued to be a source of strength for Palmer High School. The faculty and staff appreciate the ongoing support of the community.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Department of Special Services includes all special education programs, Title I programs, home and hospital tutoring, and Chapter 622 (discrimination). The department is also responsible for the screening of all youngsters entering kindergarten as well as three and four year-olds for possible special needs and early intervention programs. We are also responsible for writing many of the school systems state and federal grants.

For the Department of Special Services, the 2000 school year was one of continued program growth and development. As of June 2000, we showed a slight increase in the number of children receiving special education services. Our enrollment was 441 students (or 20%) as opposed to 394 in 1999. This increase was the result of a significant increase in the number of students who have moved into the Palmer Public Schools with special education plans.

State and federal grants written and supervised by the department continued to assist in defraying some of the costs of special education. The \$253,590 federal 94-142 Special Education Grant (an increase of \$67,830 over last year), continued to fully fund the cost of one of our Early Childhood Programs as well as a number of paraprofessional instructional assistant positions. The \$25,340 state 94-262 Early Childhood Grant provided speech assistance and screening services to children enrolled in private preschool programs and other early childhood age groups. The \$162,238 federal Title I Grant (decreased by \$29,459 this year) continued to provide remedial math services to eligible youngsters in grades 3-7, as well as reading and study skills. The entire grant was committed to staff salaries. This program provided services to approximately 225 youngsters in the schools. The decrease in this grant required the school system to partially fund the full time school counselor at Converse Middle School.

The Drug Free Schools Grant continued to provide drug awareness information to staff, parents and students as well as to assist in the funding of the D.A.R.E. program. This grant was also used to provide some short-term counseling to students and families.

Thanks to the efforts of the Superintendent, the School Committee, the Town Office and the community, we were able to continue a revolving Medicaid Account for medical type services.

This account allows us to channel moneys generated by current children enrolled in programs who receive Mass Health Insurance into the contracted service account, thus freeing up funds for general education. A similar practice was established for tuition from special needs youngsters tuitioned into the Palmer Public Schools.

This year we continued our integration of our Early Childhood Program. Both early childhood programs at Old Mill Pond School have achieved national accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). A nominal fee is charged for the non-special needs children in the program. An evaluation of this program has shown tremendous support from the parents as well as a great benefit to the children.

The mainstreaming of special education students continued to be an area of emphasis. This year we were able to mainstream a number of children through the use of one-to-one paraprofessionals, and received tremendous cooperation and assistance from school administrators and staff.

This past year we continued our Parent Advisory Council for Special Education. This group of parents and professionals meets three to four times per year and addresses current topics of interest to parents. For more information on these meetings call Neil Metcalf, Director of Special Education at (413) 283-2651.

This year the Department of Special Services, in conjunction with the Palmer High School, continued the development of the alternative education program for Palmer High School students. This program was moved to its new location in Three Rivers. This program increases options to high school students who are at risk of dropping out and helps direct them to a more goal-oriented program. It also provides an option to return some students, currently placed in out-of-district programs, and hopefully avoids the placement of children out of district in the 2000-2001 school year.

The Department of Special Services continues to advocate for the education of all children in the least restrictive environment and to the maximum degree possible.

FACILITIES

The Facilities Department oversees the work performance of maintenance and custodial members in the school buildings, school bus transportation services, facility rentals, grounds upkeep and facility maintenance and improvements.

We are happy to report that all the time and effort that went into the Y2K compliance paid off and our energy management systems functioned without any glitches.

Palmer High School's exterior main entryway lighting was reconfigured and additional lighting was installed making for a brighter and safer entryway. All schools were re-lamped with more than 6,000 fluorescent bulbs. At Converse Middle School a new boiler was installed. The gymnasium received new lighting fixtures that were partially funded by a Mass Electric Grant. The main entryway steps and light pillars were refurbished. The original lampposts that adorned

these pillars in 1922 are currently being refurbished and should be in place by spring 2001. A new updated energy management system replaced the previous antiquated one and also allows access to PHS and OMP energy management systems.

The Facilities Repair Committee was responsible for the revision, repairing and resurfacing of the roadway to the new school complex. Many thanks to all members that gave so much of their time on this project.

As always we cannot express enough how truly grateful we are to the other town departments who continually provide outstanding support, services and expertise. Special thanks to the Parks Department for keeping the grounds in pristine condition year round.

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Year 2000 marked an important milestone for the Palmer Redevelopment Authority (PRA) with the hiring of the new Town Planner and the move into shared offices in the town administration building with the Town Planner and Planning Board. This move gives the PRA much needed support in its effort to seek and develop much needed industrial land in the town.

Forces outside the town have a great influence on future industrial site development. Boston's famous "Big Dig" has drained financial support from road and highway projects around the state but more importantly it has stalled the reconstruction of Route 32 from Old Warren Road to the Ware Town line. This project, promised for as long as anyone can remember and expected to get underway sometime this year, is key to development of an industrial site at the town line. Equally important to this project is the Town of Ware's approval of an extension of its water line to the site and state funding of infrastructure grants for site improvement.

Studies of other potential industrial locations are continuing and need to be developed if the town is to be able to accommodate industry already here in need of new locations to expand. The town is in danger of losing some key industries unless we can relocate them within the town.

The PRA is in the process of working with a developer for the Holbrook Site in Depot Village. Again financing is key to the project.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank G. Real, Jr., Chairman
Margaret H. Higgins, Vice Chairman
Thomas W. Haley, Treasurer
Blake LaMothe
Raymond Remillard, State Appointed Member

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT

The year 2000 and the start of a new century arrived with moderate snowfall and mild temperatures.

The Park Department which does snowplowing as well as grounds maintenance for the schools, was called out twenty eight times for plowing, sanding and snow removal.

Although there was a short span of cold temperature, it was not long enough to allow crews to make sufficient ice to allow for many days of skating on the ice rinks.

The spring came and so did a change in staffing. Retirement, transfer and a resignation all came at the same time and reduced the workforce to 50% during one of the busiest times of the year. The remaining crew (three people) were faced with preparing fifteen ball diamonds, three soccer fields as well as park and playground cleanup.

Although new employees were eventually hired it was the small crew that did their best to make the areas ready and should be commended for their efforts and hard work during a difficult time.

As spring moved into summer so did the abnormal weather. Record rainfall and cool temperatures kept crews busy mowing and trying to groom fields for events. With the exception of a few rainouts most events scheduled were able to be played. The up side to all the rain was that some areas which had suffered damage the year before due to hot, dry conditions fully recovered and were once again in playable condition.

Burleigh Park Day Camp ran for six weeks in two three week sessions and was well attended but was also a victim of the inclement weather and camp had to be cancelled several times.

Endelson playground in Bondsville got some much-needed improvements. A new fence, gates and benches were installed and some large trees were removed and the playground frames and equipment painted. There is still some work that should be done here such as replacing the skating/basketball court and lighting, and hopefully funds will be allocated to continue the work.

The long awaited lighting project at Legion Field finally got underway in late September.

When the first round of bids were opened prices were well above the amount of funds approved. The Park Commission made the decision to scale back the project and re-bid to fit the budget. After a new round of bidding, Tri-State Signal of Waltham, MA was awarded the contract and began construction in late September. A total of seven towers were installed to cover baseball, football and soccer and will be ready for the upcoming season.

Voters approved funds for survey and preliminary plans for the re-habilitation of the Three Rivers Common. The Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce is working with the Town to restore this area both in planning and construction and we look forward to this joint effort of public and private partnership and the restoration of this historic common. The firm of Henson, Fuller and Taylor is presently working on plans and construction estimates so that grant funding and other sources of funds may be applied for so this project can move forward.

Field use remains at an all time high. Over the last several years the Park Commission has instituted the use of field permits and we ask that in order to avoid any conflicts, anyone wishing to use a park facility obtain a permit. Permits may be obtained at the Park office at Legion Field or by calling 283-2667 and will be sent to you to fill out an return for approval.

Due to State law a new backflow prevention device had to be installed on the sprinkler system at Legion Field. Palmer Water Department Superintendent Jim Ammann and his crew assisted the Park Department in specifications and installation of the device and we are truly thankful for their help and guidance.

In closing I would like to thank the staff of the Park Department and the Highway Department as well as other Boards, Commissions, Town Employees and other individuals and groups which have assisted the Park Department over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Kaczmarczyk
Palmer Park Superintendent

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT 2000

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The Committee continued to consist of nine members – two each from Belchertown and Palmer – and one from each of the communities of Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, and Ware. At the conclusion of their terms in November, Granby representative Gary Connaughton and New Braintree representative Sybil George retired from the Committee. In the November election, Judith Dudek, Barbara Beaulieu, and David Droz were reelected. Geraldine Reavey rejoined the Committee from New Braintree after having previously served from 1982 to 1990. At the time of the election, Granby had no candidate; therefore, an individual will be appointed in January 2001.

At the organizational meeting held in November, Michael Cavanaugh, of Palmer, was reelected Chairman. Michael Roncolato, of Belchertown, was reelected Vice-Chairman, and Barbara Beaulieu, of Monson, was reelected Secretary.

Pathfinder's School Council—consisting of three parents, two teachers, two students, a community member, and a college representative and co-chaired by David LaPierre—has continued to provide guidance and direction to the administration in its efforts to continually improve the educational experience of students attending Pathfinder.

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Superintendent David LaPierre identified a number of curriculum initiatives undertaken during the year.

- ◆ The staff continued to review curriculum and instructional techniques in an effort to improve student performance on the MCAS test.
- ◆ The Student Mentor Program in conjunction with staff from Springfield College was expanded to address several needs of Pathfinder students, including peer interaction, team building and problem solving.
- ◆ The Auto Body Program (NATEF) completed its National Automotive Technical Education Foundation self study in preparation for its certification by that body and is currently scheduled for evaluation in February.

- ◆ Staff began the rigorous self-evaluation in preparation for the upcoming accreditation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.
- ◆ Students in the carpentry, electrical, and heating and ventilation programs gained valuable learning experience through the annual house-building program, which featured work for a Granby family.
- ◆ In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, students from these same departments began construction on a modified Cape with a walk-in basement. This project, which will be completed in June 2001, is located in Palmer.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be an important component of the Pathfinder curriculum for upper class students. A sample of such efforts during the past year include the following:

- Office space to accommodate central office staff was constructed in the Ware Middle School.
- An air-conditioning system was installed in the Bondsville Fire and Water District Complex.
- A garage/storage building was completed for the Ware Fire Department.
- Students contributed to the building, wiring, and heating for a major addition to the Monson Bellmen's Fire House.
- Electrical students undertook several wiring projects for the Bondsville and Palmer Fire Departments, and also wired outside electrical boxes for holiday lighting in the Bondsville area.
- The Auto Body and Collision Repair students restored vehicles for the Bondsville Water Department and the Three Rivers Fire Department.
- Horticulture students continued to maintain a portion of the grounds at the Palmer District Court.
- Computer Programming students completed Web page design for the Three Rivers Fire Department.
- Computer Programming students updated the database for the C.W. Mars shared library system and created databases and graphics for the March of Dimes and other non-profit agencies.
- Students in the Office Business Program printed and assembled large quantities of municipal reports for the towns of New Braintree and Palmer.

The Cooperative Education Program had an exceptionally successful school year. More than 50 students, representing every technical program, participated in this program of alternating weeks of school and paid employment.

Many Pathfinder graduates have built their own enterprising business or have risen to managerial positions. These former students cited the combination of hands-on training, the related science program, and the integrated academics

taught at Pathfinder as their primary reason for hiring or recommending our students. With these employers, our Co-op students worked in surrounding communities performing tasks ranging from individual one-on-one services to significant work on large-scale construction projects.

Toward the end of 2000, Pathfinder received the scores from the third round of MCAS tests administered to tenth grade students earlier that year. The results were disappointing. While the average score in Mathematics remained constant from the previous year at 210, the average score in English/Language Arts declined from 217 to 214, and the average score in Science and Technology declined from 224 to 219. However, the group that took the tests in 2000 included 31 more students than the previous year, and school officials argued that the larger group may well account for the slight drop in scores.

Nevertheless, the school committee and staff continue to maintain that the test is fundamentally unfair to technical high school students because it affords them no way to demonstrate their competence in vocational studies which comprise one-half of their education. In this regard, both School Committee Chairman Michael Cavanaugh and Superintendent Gerald Paist have been instrumental in drafting position papers for their respective state associations, calling upon the Board of Education to make changes in this testing program. Those associations anticipate that this struggle will reach the top of the legislative agenda in 2001.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment included 645 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 109; Granby 45; Hardwick 19; Monson 87; New Braintree 9; Palmer 113; and Ware 105. The remaining 158 students reside in out-of-district communities.

During this past year, the Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received 375 applications for admission in September. Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that, of the applications received for the 2000-01 school year, 325 were for the 175 available 9th grade openings. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th and 11th grades were limited, and there was a waiting list for space in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Pathfinder once again offered a wide variety of opportunities for area parents and their children to learn about and visit the school. There were two Open House Programs—one in the fall and another in the spring. The Summer Career/Sports Camp and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for 7th and 8th grade students continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony in May. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting Renaissance Award-winning students as guests. The speaker for this year's ceremony was 1992 graduate Brenda Wrubel, who was not only valedictorian at Pathfinder, but also at Bay Path College where she majored in legal studies. Brenda worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and recently completed her studies at Westfield State College, which qualified her as a guidance counselor. She now fulfills that role at Pathfinder.

A second Honor Society induction was held in December, and this pattern of recognition earlier in the school year will be continued so that students may include the information on their senior resumes in a more timely manner. Pathfinder graduate Michael Norton—currently an instructor in electronics at Blackstone Valley Regional Technical School—was the featured speaker.

Pathfinder's selection to represent the school at the Annual Vocational Student Awards Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was Eric Duda, of Palmer, a student in the Electrical Technology Program. Eric earned a 3.95 overall average, was a member of the Honor Society, and graduated first in his class. At the annual Academic/Vocational Awards Program, Eric received additional recognition for his remarkable achievements. Following graduation, Eric enrolled in Western New England College to study Electrical Engineering.

In June 2000, the graduating class of 118 seniors received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 71% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, while another 8% had made commitments to military service. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive effect on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately \$15,000 in scholarships to members of the Class of 2000. Once again, state and local organizations—as well as individuals—continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The school committee, administration, and the graduates themselves are grateful for this support, and they are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and friends.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

Historically, opportunities for participation in student activities in technical high schools has been limited by the fact that every period of the day is occupied by required classes. Nevertheless, the student body continued its tradition of successful projects to assist the community and to improve school climate:

- The "Toys for Tots" campaign collected over 100 new toys and more than \$500 in cash donations.
- The annual Thanksgiving Basket drive provided more than 30 complete dinners to families in need.
- The "Coats for Kids" initiative collected more than 100 coats that were distributed by Channel 40.
- Students raised \$1400 to benefit the Leukemia Society during the "Pennies for Patients" project and were appropriately recognized by State Senator Stephen Brewer.
- The Allied Health Students sponsored their annual Health Fair as well as a "Kiss the Pig" fundraiser, featuring a live pig named "Easter Lilly."
- The Renaissance Program continued the recognition of academic and athletic achievement with increased student participation.
- The newly formed Drama Club presented its production of "Zorro."
- Increasing numbers of students took part in "Project Adventure," a team building and leadership initiative in cooperation with a faculty member from Springfield College and under the direction of Electrical Instructor Gerard Costello.
- The student body was privileged to have the services of its first resource officer, Palmer Police Officer James Lynch.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported the following noteworthy items in the 2000 seasons:

- The varsity baseball team won the Tri-County League Championship for the second consecutive year with a 16-4 record and was first seed in the Massachusetts Vocational Baseball Tournament.
- The girls' varsity soccer team qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament for the third consecutive year.
- The varsity football team had its first overall, winning season (6-5) in the brief, six-year history. Jesse Allen was second in the Tri-County League in scoring and achieved first team honors in All Western-Massachusetts recognition.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Education Department continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to students in grades 9-12, as well as to students attending the Modified Vocational Instruction at Pathfinder (MVIP) Program. TEAM evaluations resulted in approximately 205 meetings throughout the school year. Beginning in mid-year, staff members implemented the new IEP format that is more comprehensive than the previous model and provides opportunities for more parental input.

Pathfinder currently employs 17 professional special education staff members through local monies. Two additional staff members were supported through Title I and the Work Investment Act. The Department also includes 8 teacher aides and one oral interpreter for a deaf student. The staff provided services to 210 students, including those in the MVIP Program. This number represents a decrease over previous years due to new interpretations of the special education law by the Department of Education.

Specialized services provided by the Department included speech therapy, school psychology, and occupational therapy. The speech therapist works with students either individually or in small groups to help students improve reading comprehension, develop vocabulary and writing skills, and to improve receptive and expressive language skills. The school psychologist provides individual and small group counseling and assists staff in interpreting psychological test results. The occupational therapist provides identified students with assistance in self-care, handwriting, and motor development. She also supervises adaptive physical education classes for appropriate groups of students.

Currently, the MVIP Program enrolls 60 students and is operating at full capacity. Students represent 19 communities in addition to the 7 Pathfinder member towns. Program offerings include Office Business, Life Skills, Building Services, Horticulture, Auto Reconditioning, and Food Services. Each of these program areas is supervised by a qualified vocational teacher with special education credentials. Clearly, this program continues to provide a critically valuable educational service to member communities and remains in high demand, as evidenced by the waiting list of 30 students.

The Special Education Department offers Resource Room Programs for appropriate students in all major courses in grades 9-12. These subjects include history, mathematics, English, and science. An effort is made to align course material to curriculum frameworks in order to prepare students better for MCAS tests. However, care is also taken to include material that is relevant to everyday life. Occasional field trips to activities and exhibits that reinforce curriculum content are included.

The Special Education Department continued to offer an Afternoon Drop-out Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142 funds and a modest tuition charge paid by the school system of residence. The purpose of this afternoon program was to give high school age students who demonstrate difficulty in handling a full day program in their local high school an opportunity to receive hands-on vocational training. After attending this program, a student should be able to return to his or her own high school or—in some cases—to transfer to Pathfinder's regular day program with an expectation of greater success.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Utilizing the Department of Education's Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

Fund Code	Program Name	Allocation
240	IDEA Special Education These funds were used to support an Alternative Drop-out Prevention Program, provide in-service training, professional development and supplies for the shop and academic classrooms.	\$127,865
274	SPED Access to the Curriculum This project provided support for study groups to adapt identified curriculum to special education students.	\$3,000
302	Title VI This program provided funds to the school library to continue membership in the Newsbank Computer Network.	\$3,539
303	Eisenhower Math and Science These monies supported professional development for mathematics and science teachers.	\$2,709
305	Title I This funding provided for a full- time teacher aide who assists in the reading and writing labs.	\$19,505

331	Safe and Drug Free Schools	\$2,412
	These funds supported two mentors who worked with student groups and also organized relevant activities to acquaint local elementary school students with the dangers associated with drug and alcohol use.	
400	Carl Perkins Vocational Education	\$71,810
	This was the final year that Perkins funds supported a full-time School-to-Career Coordinator. They also supported professional development programs and provided shop supplies for programs enrolling high levels of special populations.	
346/349	Health Protection Allocations	\$13,150
	These monies provided outside counseling for specialized groups, primarily emphasizing the elimination of tobacco use.	
609	Technology Training & Professional Development	\$10,020
	These funds were used to upgrade specific technology programs by providing professional development opportunities for academic and vocational instructors.	
632	Academic Support Services Program	\$22,800
	This grant was used to provide a Saturday morning program for 9 th grade students who did not score well on their 8 th grade MCAS tests.	
	Department of Youth Services	\$5,984
	The Summer DYS program served Gandara students for a period of four weeks.	
	Summer Youth Employment Program	\$79,439
	These funds provided paid employment and academic enhancement for indistrict and out of school youth for 4 weeks in the summer and throughout the current school year.	
	TOTAL	\$362,233

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities, which took place during the year.

In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and area school systems, Pathfinder continued to play a leadership role in the implementation of the federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act. Among the activities sponsored by this program were:

- ◆ Teacher/mentor training at business work sites
- ◆ Improvement in curriculum to better meet the needs of area businesses
- ◆ Job shadowing and internships for students in grades 11-12
- ◆ Utilization of an updated version of "Expan," a college/career search program
- ◆ Career interest and exploratory program for seventh and eighth grade students.

Pathfinder conducted its Career/Sports Camp again during the summer months. A total of 179 youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 attended one of four one-week sessions, each of which lasted for 5 days. Those areas offered were carpentry, cosmetology, computers, computer-assisted drafting, food services, electronics, and environmental explorers. Career instruction took place in the morning, followed by sporting events: volleyball, soccer, basketball, and archery. The last hour of each day was spent in the pool at Palmer High School.

Two hundred youngsters took part in Pathfinder's Afternoon Youth Program during the school year. The program operated one day each week and included eight career areas: automotive, carpentry, cosmetology, computers, CAD, culinary arts, horticulture, and electronics, as well as Fun With Math and Science. The classes ran for eight weeks for two hours each day. Parent and student satisfaction with this program has been extraordinary, and it has served as an excellent introduction to the school and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board. This year's award was made under the new Work Investment Act. During the summer, twenty-seven in-school youths and seven out-of-school youths from Hampden County were placed at various non-profit job sites for the morning, then returned to the school for academic and vocational enrichment. A newly implemented feature of this program requires continued monitoring of these students throughout the school year.

One hundred forty-eight students from 12 different area schools took advantage of the 2000 Summer School Program. Twelve academic courses, a

Related Workshop, and a Shop Hour Workshop were offered. Eighteen students participated in a no-cost MCAS preparation course. The curriculum provided students with strategies that would prepare them better for the MCAS tests. There are plans to offer a Spanish course to the academic offerings next summer.

During the 2000 school year, the evening school offered classes during the winter and fall terms. Approximately 200 individuals took advantage of the courses, which included Microsoft Word, Excel, Assess, Web Design, QuickBooks, Introduction to Machine, Smart Cam, Culinary, Auto Body, and Floral Design. Declining enrollments continued to be a concern despite more aggressive and costly advertising.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the staff includes 38 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 23 academic teachers, 2 guidance counselors, a library-media specialist and 9 teacher aides. The Committee welcomed new faculty members in each of the following areas: computer technology, drafting, business, carpentry, science, and guidance. The Committee also provided funds for an Athletic Trainer who also serves as an instructor in health related subjects.

Six administrators - three of which have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program. The administrative staff includes a Business Manager for the first time in the school's history, thereby fulfilling a critical need in oversight of the District's fiscal affairs.

In the spring of 2000, the Committee recognized the retirement of two staff members—Harriot Henrichon as Assistant Treasurer and Jim Wordsworth as Carpentry Instructor. Both had served the school with distinction since its beginning.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of the National Council of Local Administrators, an affiliate of the Association for Career & Technical Education. He also continued to serve a second term on the Board of Directors of the Quboag Valley Chamber of Commerce. He and Assistant Superintendent-Director David LaPierre served on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College. Dr. Paist was also named Director of the Program in School Administration at that institution.

In December Dr. Paist completed his service as one of the three secondary members from Massachusetts on the Commission on Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He

also serves as chairman of the Professional and Legal Services Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

Committee Chairman Michael Cavanaugh was reelected to another term as Chairman of the Vocational-Technical Division of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, and by virtue of that position serves on the Association's Board of Directors. He also served on the Board of the Regional Education & Business Alliance, of which Pathfinder is an original member.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The School Committee adopted a FY01 gross budget of \$8,218,417. Of this amount, \$7,167,219 was for net school spending purposes. The District expected to receive \$2,218,069 in Chapter 70 funds, \$327,269 in regional school transportation reimbursement, \$346,794 in school building assistance, leaving a remainder of \$3,554,310 to be raised through assessments to the member communities, school choice monies, and non-resident tuition income.

Once again, the Committee adopted a budget in excess of the minimum contribution required from each of the member communities. These additional costs resulted primarily from the MVIP Program as well as from the second year of the District's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan. The School Committee was pleased to receive the support of each of the seven member towns during their respective annual town meetings.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS 2000-2001

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRIBU- TION	SHARE MVIP PROGRAM	ADDITION- AL COTRIBU- TION	SHARE OF CAP (1 YR)	TRANSPOR- TATION	CAPITAL ASSESS- MENT	TOTAL
BELCHER -TOWN	603016	41101	60500	28832	24921	29106	787476
GRANBY	368520	30826	27500	13105	11328	13025	464304
HARD- WICK	110091	10275	15278	7281	6293	6536	155754
MONSON	545354	30826	58055	27667	23914	18252	704068
N. BRAIN- TREE	105909	10275	7944	3786	3272	2435	133622
PALMER	538093	41101	70888	33783	29201	27831	740897
WARE	346316	102752	52555	25046	21649	19871	568189
TOTAL	2617299	267156	292720	139500	120579	117056	3554310

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies. Pathfinder intends to continue its membership in the Regional Education & Business Alliance, an effort that serves as a catalyst for change. It also intends to work with its sister institutions throughout Massachusetts to develop common plans and responses to the challenges we face.

The Committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform with the hope and expectation that the expected reauthorization of the school finance formula will offer more advantages to regional school districts. In addition, the Committee anticipates that the new formula will provide more than the minimum per-pupil aid to districts such as Pathfinder. It is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development within the District, and to that end, respectfully invites the continued support of town officials, parents, and citizens in each of our seven communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael A. Roncolato, Belchertown
Gary F. Connaughton, Granby
(through November 2000)
Elizabeth Desrochers, Granby
Harry T. Comerford, Hardwick
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
Sybil J. George, New Braintree
(through November 2000)
Geraldine A. Reavey, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware
Bryan Danek, Student Representative
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent- Director

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Palmer Planning Board, consisting of five elected members, met regularly during the year 2000. It has always been the Board's policy to meet as often as necessary to conduct business deemed appropriate under General Laws and the Charter of the Town of Palmer.

At the Board's re-organizational meeting held in April the following positions were filled:

Chairman	Michael S. Marciniac
Vice Chairman	James Haley Jr.
Clerk	Joseph Slowick Jr.
	Thomas Skowrya
	Todd Smola

During the year 2000, the Planning Board held 28 regular meetings as well as numerous special meetings, site inspections and review inspections. In addition to our own meetings, we have also had meetings with other Boards and Committees and have attended seminars and workshops to help better prepare our members for the positions for which they have been elected. During these various meetings, the Board held hearings or acted on 11 Special Permit/Site Plan Approvals, 10 plans meeting zoning requirements and deemed exempt from subdivision regulations, 1 preliminary subdivision plan, and 10 Special Permits for Earth Removal. The Board also approved 5 new business locations, and 5 plan amendments, conducted 22 reviews of existing sites, granted 8 waivers of site plan approval, accepted 23 reports for earth removal operations and held many informational meetings with prospective applicants.

The Board, through the Planning Board Office, received many requests for information during 2000 which were processed by the Town Planner, Planning Board Members or referred to other Boards for action.

This year the Board completed the comprehensive zoning package. This package was adopted by unanimous vote of Town Meeting on February 28, 2000. We would like to thank everyone that participated in this process and we would like to thank the voters for expressing their satisfaction and confidence in this department with their votes.

In response to citizen concerns, the Planning Board initiated an earth removal operations moratorium in the community. An Earth Removal Operations Advisory Committee was appointed to study the impacts and effects of commercial earth removal operations in the Town of Palmer. Some of those impacts and effects studied are as follows:

- The traffic generated and the impact on our roadways

- The loss of natural resources at a rapid rate
- The aesthetic impact on the town
- The nuisance of dust, noise and traffic to our residential neighborhoods
- The impact of earth removal operations on our aquifer recharge areas
- The impact on the environment and on wildlife
- The impact on the value of land and buildings
- The conservation of natural resources
- The prevention of blight and pollution of the environment

This Committee is comprised of the following members:

Mr. David Callahan, Chairman
 Mr. Dennis Moynahan, Vice Chairman
 Mrs. Beth Zelazo, Clerk
 Mr. Michael Barry
 Mrs. Jane Golas
 Mr. Paul Les
 Mr. John Morrison
 Mr. John Sasur
 Mr. Thomas Skowyra

This Committee met on a nearly weekly basis since being appointed in July. They reported on a regular basis to the Planning Board keeping them well informed of the progress being made. The Board would like to thank all of the members that so selflessly gave of their time to help make our community a better place to live. The Committee will be presenting their final report to the Planning Board in January 2001. The Board will then review and study the recommendations of this Committee and will take further action as warranted.

This year also saw the implementation of Executive Order 418. This is Governor Cellucci's initiative to assist communities in addressing the housing shortage. The Town now has to be 'Housing Certified' on an annual basis due to Executive Order 418. This year Jean Bubon, our Town Planner, prepared the Housing Certification. We were one of the first three communities in our district to be certified and we met fourteen criteria set forth by this order. However, each community must show that additional criteria are being met each year. The criteria that we were unable to meet this past year include the following:

1. Held a local or regional open forum on the housing needs in the community or region during the previous two years to discuss the existing and future development of various types of housing. Credit for regional forums will be awarded as long as the attendance list shows participation from residents and officials from the subject communities.
2. Completed local or regional plans that include how housing will be provided for people across a broad range of incomes (for example a

Community Development Plan, housing needs study, or master plan). The plan or study must be current and active.

3. Received grants for technical assistance including but not limited to Peer to Peer, Municipal Incentive Grants, Massachusetts Housing Partnership Technical Assistance grants, or any comparable regional or municipal technical assistance, during the past two years expressly for the purpose of finding ways to produce housing and/or streamline the permitting process.
4. Worked with local or regional banks or other financial service establishments to make available concessionary financing or other mechanisms that improve housing affordability.
5. Identified land suitable for the development of affordable housing during the past two years.
6. Provided public land or buildings at no cost or below market cost to a housing developer for the purpose of creating low and moderate-income housing during the past two years. (For example - Habitat for Humanity or other non-profits).
7. Formed a local or regional Affordable Housing Trust that can receive tax-deductible, charitable or other donations that would be used to develop or rehabilitate housing.
8. Encouraged interested residents in the community or region to raise money for the rehabilitation or development of housing.
9. Streamlined the local process for foreclosing on tax title properties for creating or restoring housing.
10. Established a concessionary fee structure for permits for development, which is lower for low and moderate-income housing development and/or for non-profits developing affordable rental housing.
11. Eliminated any building caps or moratoriums during the previous year.

Each town is required to meet at least seven criteria and show housing unit creation on an annual basis. It is unclear at this time whether the fourteen criteria we have already met will count for this year, or whether an additional seven criteria will have to be met this year. Due to this uncertainty, we will be working towards fulfilling as many of the above criteria as possible in the coming year.

During this past year the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA) began to fund a build-out analysis of every community in Massachusetts. Palmer was one of the first twelve communities to be completed. We were advised that we were chosen because we were already undertaking planning activities to better our community. We are now awaiting a town-wide presentation by EOEA of the results of the build-out. We anticipate that this presentation will take place in early 2001. When that is complete the town will be eligible to receive up to \$30,000.00 in funding for a "Community Development Plan". This plan is tied in with Executive Order 418 and is designed to support community efforts in the development of affordable housing as well as sound economic development, transportation and

infrastructure improvement and open space and environmental resource protection.

It is also worth mentioning that the Town now has a web site. This site can be accessed at <http://www.townofpalmer.com>. The Planning Board page has member information, hours of operation, zoning by-laws and subdivision regulations posted on this site. We will be adding information to this site in the future and hope to use this as a place where we can keep the public informed of the progress we are making on various projects.

Town Meeting voters approved the position of Town Planner at the Annual Town Meeting this year. The creation of this position will afford the town the opportunity to be more pro-active in dealing with zoning and land use issues. The Town Planner has been instrumental in streamlining the work of the land use departments within the town. We have begun holding quarterly meetings with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Palmer Redevelopment Authority and Zoning Board of Appeals. These meetings will help keep all Board members informed of what is taking place relative to land use and also allows a forum for Board members to discuss ideas and issues with each other on a regular basis.

The year 2001 will be a busy year for our department with on-going work on the Housing Certification criteria and the Community Development Plan taking a good portion of the staff's time. In addition to these two projects we hope to begin work on revising our Master Plan and we also want to continue efforts on town-wide implementation of the Geographic Information System.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael S. Marciniak,
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I hereby submit the following annual report for inspections made by me for the year 2000:

New Plumbing Permits	44
Renovations	58
Water Heaters	34

I have also investigated complaints of potentially dangerous plumbing work and violations of Chapter 142 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Nichols
Plumbing Inspector

REPORT OF THE PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT – 2000

In the year 2000, the Palmer Police Department answered approximately 9,463 calls for service. From these calls, 1,918 criminal offenses were recorded and investigated. Additionally, 660 individuals were arrested and/or summoned to court. The department responded to 770 various alarm calls. More than 2,751 traffic offenses were recorded and 480 traffic accidents investigated. Two fatalities occurred as a result of these traffic accidents. A complete statistical report of the year's activity follows this report.

The department is currently comprised of 21 full-time and 3 part-time police officers, who are supported by 6 full-time non-sworn staff. During the year, the following personnel changes occurred:

- Sergeant Scott Haley was assigned as the police department's first full-time investigator;
- Officer Rodney North was appointed acting sergeant;
- Two additional full-time officers were appointed:
 - Theodore N. Bonnayer II of Three Rivers; and
 - Paul S. Lukaskiewicz of Palmer.

These officers successfully completed the 22-week Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Academy in Agawam and have begun their duties with the department.

- Working in concert with the Palmer and Pathfinder Schools Systems, Officer James Lynch was assigned as the department's School Resource Officer. Officer Lynch will work full-time in the Palmer and Pathfinder high schools, providing security and developing educational programs to present to the students. His position is funded by the federal COPS program, which is described below.

As part of our ongoing effort to be more accessible to the community, the department expanded two previously successful projects this past year with financial assistance from Community Policing grants from the state's Executive Office of Public Safety:

- Two additional officers (Kenneth White and Richard Kelleher) were trained and equipped with police bicycles. The department now has eight officers that are trained in this specialty. The bicycle patrols have been very well received by residents and have proven effective in controlling many types of crime.
- Our Student Police Academy was brought to the Palmer and Pathfinder School Systems, with the cooperation of the school administration. This program, which is similar in design to the adult academy, presents to the participants, information on the role of the police department in the community. It also helps to establish a relationship between police officers and the youth of our community.

The department received the following grants in 2000:

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance) - \$21,871 to be used for equipment, technology and other materials directly related to basic law enforcement functions.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Grant (Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety) - \$9,700 to assist in funding our very successful and beneficial D.A.R.E. program.

Community Policing Grant (Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety) - \$23,000 to aid in the development, implementation, and maintenance of community policing programs and initiatives.

COPS in Schools Grant (U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services) \$125,000 over three years to place a police officer in the town's schools. This grant, submitted jointly by the Palmer Police Department, Palmer Public Schools, and Pathfinder Regional School System will allow an officer to be dedicated to policing the Palmer High School and Pathfinder Regional.

Finally, the Police Station Building Committee has been extremely busy this year. After completing its initial charge to determine whether the police department had enough space at its current location, the committee was additionally charged with conducting a needs assessment for the department. With the appropriation of \$50,000 at town meeting, the committee first contracted with KV Associates of Boston to help select an architect for the needs assessment. With the assistance of KV Associates, the building Committee selected SEA Consultants of Cambridge to conduct the needs assessment study. This study was started late in the year. It is expected that the completed report will be ready during the first half of 2001. At that time we will present it to the community in the hope that funding can be approved for a much needed facility.

In closing, I would like to thank the staff of the police department for their dedication and commitment to the department and their community. I would also like to thank the residents of the community who continue to support us, and to the Police Station Building Committee for all of their hard work.

Thanks, too, to the Board of Selectmen, former Executive Secretary Beverly Lund, Town Administrator John Griffin, the Finance Committee, the town's fire departments and their chiefs, Highway Superintendent Phil Sampson and his staff, and all the other town offices and departments for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Frydryk
Chief of Police

SECTION 1

CALLS FOR SERVICE DATA

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Call Analysis Founded vs UnFounded Calls From 01/2000 Thru 12/2000

Reason	Calls	Founded	UnFounded	Incidents	Accidents	Arrests
209A Request *	28	27	1	11	0	0
209A Service	27	25	2	2	0	0
209A Violation *	32	26	6	9	0	15
9-1-1 Abandoned Call	49	22	27	0	0	3
9-1-1 Bogus Call	12	1	11	0	0	0
9-1-1 Hangup Call	173	80	93	14	0	3
9-1-1 Misuse	88	61	27	2	0	0
9-1-1 Silent Call	6	3	3	0	0	0
Abandoned M/V	38	36	2	2	0	1
Accident (Hit & Run)	94	87	7	6	48	12
Accident (Pedest)	3	2	1	0	2	0
Accident (Pers Inj)	90	87	3	2	82	19
Accident (Prop Dam)	534	503	31	17	349	37
Alarm (Burglar)	657	6	651	5	0	0
Alarm (Fire)	56	5	51	1	0	2
Alarm (Holdup)	10	1	9	0	0	0
Alarm (Medical)	12	6	6	0	0	0
Alarm (other)	17	2	15	0	0	0
Alarm (Panic/Trouble)	18	1	17	0	0	0
Alarm (TEST/MAINTENANCE)	15	11	4	0	0	0
Animal Complaint	220	193	27	7	1	0
Annoying/Accosting *	11	11	0	4	0	0
Annoying/Obscene Phone Calls	64	61	3	9	0	1
Arrest (CHINS)	1	1	0	0	0	1
Arrest (On sight) *	23	23	0	0	0	29
Arrest (OUI) *	16	16	0	0	0	16
Arrest (Unspecified) *	1	1	0	0	0	1
Arrest (Warrant) *	64	56	8	0	0	58
Assault/A&B *	101	94	7	48	0	22
Assist Citizen	259	249	10	13	0	7
Assist Motorist	113	108	5	1	0	0
Assist Other Agency	124	108	16	3	0	3
Assist Other Police Department	174	144	30	7	0	8
Bomb Threat *	1	1	0	1	0	0
Breaking & Enter (M/V) *	56	52	4	38	0	1
Breaking & Entering/Burglary *	96	90	6	77	0	9
Bylaw Viol (other)	8	5	3	0	0	0
Bylaw Viol-Public Drinking	2	2	0	0	0	1
Bylaw Viol-Snow on Sidewalk	7	7	0	0	0	0
Bylaw Viol-Unreg Veh(s)	20	19	1	0	0	0
Check Well-being	108	81	27	9	0	4
Child Abuse *	12	10	2	4	0	0
Child Neglect *	26	23	3	14	0	0
Civil Complaint	97	86	11	8	0	0
Cruiser Transport (Arrest)	7	7	0	1	0	0
Cruiser Transport (Courtesy)	124	122	2	0	0	0
Disabled M/V	287	253	34	1	0	2
Disorderly Conduct	85	63	22	5	0	5
Disturbance (Domestic) *	213	200	13	69	1	72
Disturbance (Gathering)	47	40	7	3	0	19
Disturbance (General)	67	52	15	12	0	8
Disturbance (Loud Noise)	215	167	48	3	0	5
Disturbance (Motor Vehicle)	11	8	3	1	0	0
Disturbance (Neighbor)	70	65	5	10	0	5
Drug/Narcotics Violation *	24	18	6	1	0	6
Elder Abuse	4	4	0	0	0	1
Family Offense (Non violent)	17	16	1	3	0	1
Fire (Forest/Brush)	29	26	3	1	0	0
Fire (HAZMAT)	4	4	0	0	0	0
Fire (Motor Vehicle)	18	18	0	1	0	0
Fire (Mutual Aid)	12	12	0	0	0	0
Fire (Other)	27	25	2	1	0	1
Fire (Outside Burning Complnt)	22	20	2	0	0	0
Fire (Structure/Dwelling)	25	24	1	1	0	0
Fire TONE TEST	2	2	0	0	0	0
Fish & Game Violation	4	2	2	0	0	0
Fraud *	17	16	1	10	0	5
Gas Leak/Odor	13	13	0	0	0	0
GENERAL SERVICES	19	16	3	1	0	0
Harassment	54	51	3	10	0	1
Hazardous Condition	249	207	42	3	1	2
HAZMAT Spill/Leak	10	9	1	0	0	0
Homicide *	1	1	0	1	0	0
House/Building Check	53	49	4	1	0	0

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

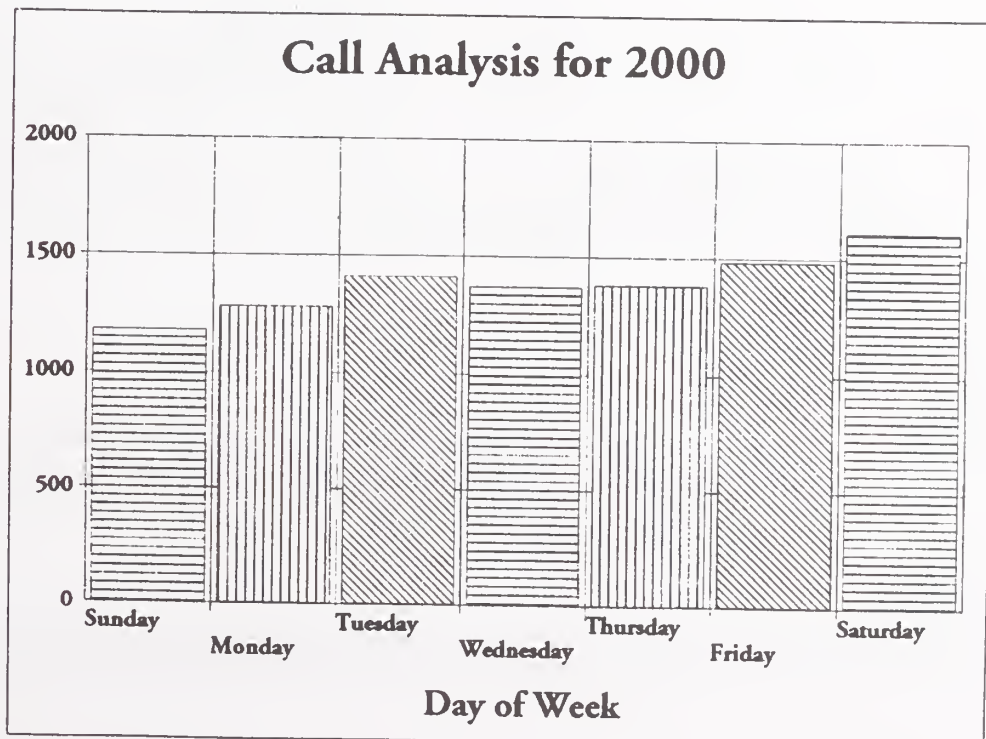
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Call Analysis Founded vs UnFounded Calls From 01/2000 Thru 12/2000

Reason	Calls	Founded	UnFounded	Incidents	Accidents	Arrests
Illegal Dumping	36	33	3	6	0	1
INFO-Abuse/209A Orders	5	5	0	0	0	0
INFO-Ambulance Service	6	6	0	0	0	0
INFO-Burning Permits	9	8	1	0	0	0
INFO-Detainees	6	6	0	0	0	0
INFO-Directions	38	38	0	0	0	0
INFO-Extra Duty Details	71	70	1	0	0	0
INFO-General	557	533	24	1	0	0
INFO-Holiday Store Hours	1	1	0	0	0	0
INFO-Pistol Permits/FIDs	31	31	0	0	0	0
INFO-Police Reports	104	99	5	1	0	0
INFO-Power Outages	1	1	0	0	0	0
INFO-Record Checks	9	9	0	0	0	0
INFO-Road Conditions	3	3	0	0	0	0
INFO-School Closings	4	4	0	0	0	0
INFO-Solicitors	4	1	3	0	0	0
INFO-Town Offices/Depts	13	13	0	0	0	0
INFO-Warrants	7	7	0	0	0	0
Intox / Incapacitated Person	84	61	23	6	0	20
Kidnapping *	4	4	0	2	0	0
Larceny *	237	227	10	128	0	17
Liquor Law Violations *	9	8	1	1	0	2
Loitering	6	3	3	0	0	0
M/V Recovery *	15	15	0	3	0	7
M/V Release	4	4	0	0	0	0
M/V Repossession	25	23	2	0	0	0
M/V Stop	233	231	2	0	1	44
M/V Theft *	34	31	3	18	1	2
M/V Violations	412	298	114	10	0	69
Medical Assist (Illness)	9	8	1	0	0	0
Medical Assist (Injury)	9	7	2	3	0	0
Medical Assist (Mutual Aid)	16	16	0	0	0	0
Medical Assist (Psychiatric)	16	11	5	2	0	0
Medical Assist (unspecif)	6	6	0	0	0	0
Medical Transport (Emergency)	302	297	5	15	0	1
Medical Transport (Routine)	10	10	0	0	0	0
Missing Person *	61	54	7	21	0	1
Notification/Message Delivery	44	40	4	0	0	0
Officer Requests Assistance	4	4	0	1	0	5
Officer Wanted	96	89	7	15	0	5
Open Door/Window	33	18	15	1	0	0
Parking Violation	84	70	14	0	0	0
Power Outage	13	13	0	0	0	0
Property Return	10	10	0	0	0	0
Property-Found	84	83	1	27	0	0
Property-Lost	40	40	0	3	0	0
Prostitution *	1	0	1	0	0	0
Protective Custody *	20	20	0	0	0	21
Public Service Other	36	34	2	0	0	0
Rape *	5	5	0	5	0	3
Reported Death *	14	14	0	9	0	0
Robbery *	5	4	1	3	0	3
Runaway *	28	26	2	12	0	2
Search & Rescue	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses *	17	17	0	13	0	0
Shoplifting *	26	25	1	5	0	12
Smoke Report (No fire evident)	44	35	9	0	0	0
Soliciting	6	5	1	0	0	0
Suicide Attempt/Threat *	13	12	1	0	0	0
Summons Service	45	37	8	0	0	0
Suspicious (Other)	133	77	56	15	0	9
Suspicious Auto(s)	217	156	61	4	0	3
Suspicious Person(s)	227	152	75	14	0	10
Threat Report *	97	94	3	33	0	5
Toll Evasion	2	2	0	0	0	0
Trespass Complaint	73	60	13	0	0	4
Unwanted Person(s)	108	88	20	10	0	22
Vandalism *	210	192	18	98	0	9
Water Hazard	1	1	0	0	0	0
Water Leak	13	13	0	0	0	0
Weapons Violations *	23	17	6	9	0	1
Totals:	9463	7579	1884	947	486	664

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT **Call Analysis by Time and Day of Week for 2000**

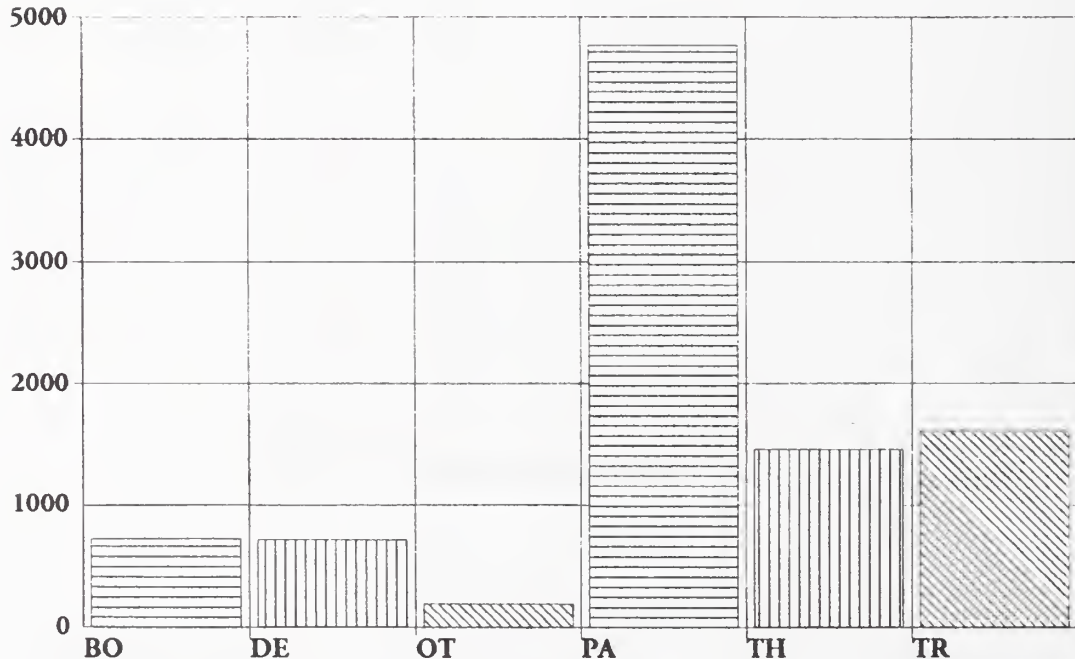
	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Totals	
	Calls	Day%	Calls	Day%	Calls	Day%	Calls	Day%	Calls	Day%	Calls	Day%	Calls	Day%	Calls	Tot%
Hour: 0	62	5.3	45	3.5	51	3.6	65	4.7	38	2.7	41	2.8	86	5.3	388	4.0
Hour: 1	63	5.3	35	2.7	41	2.9	46	3.4	52	3.8	41	2.8	74	4.6	352	3.6
Hour: 2	49	4.2	25	2.0	36	2.5	26	1.9	29	2.1	27	1.8	46	2.9	238	2.4
Hour: 3	33	2.8	16	1.2	22	1.6	23	1.7	14	1.0	21	1.4	41	2.5	170	1.7
Hour: 4	9	0.8	11	0.9	12	0.8	23	1.7	17	1.2	16	1.1	28	1.7	116	1.2
Hour: 5	20	1.7	21	1.6	18	1.3	16	1.2	16	1.2	22	1.5	26	1.6	139	1.4
Hour: 6	33	2.8	50	3.9	79	5.6	92	6.7	89	6.4	90	6.1	27	1.7	460	4.7
Hour: 7	34	2.9	52	4.1	59	4.2	59	4.3	55	4.0	52	3.5	45	2.8	356	3.7
Hour: 8	41	3.5	94	7.3	63	4.5	73	5.3	83	6.0	52	3.5	47	2.9	453	4.7
Hour: 9	39	3.3	78	6.1	73	5.2	84	6.1	65	4.7	73	4.9	74	4.6	486	5.0
Hour: 10	53	4.5	89	6.9	71	5.0	70	5.1	86	6.2	77	5.2	99	6.1	545	5.6
Hour: 11	62	5.3	69	5.4	87	6.2	61	4.4	60	4.3	78	5.3	96	6.0	513	5.3
Hour: 12	65	5.5	65	5.1	67	4.7	78	5.7	74	5.4	66	4.4	88	5.5	503	5.2
Hour: 13	70	5.9	70	5.5	72	5.1	73	5.3	58	4.2	68	4.6	78	4.8	489	5.0
Hour: 14	74	6.3	75	5.9	87	6.2	74	5.4	91	6.6	94	6.3	83	5.2	578	5.9
Hour: 15	74	6.3	89	6.9	99	7.0	93	6.8	86	6.2	89	6.0	111	6.9	641	6.6
Hour: 16	42	3.6	56	4.4	59	4.2	58	4.2	65	4.7	64	4.3	64	4.0	408	4.2
Hour: 17	64	5.4	61	4.8	55	3.9	53	3.9	68	4.9	88	5.9	79	4.9	468	4.8
Hour: 18	73	6.2	58	4.5	71	5.0	59	4.3	55	4.0	79	5.3	74	4.6	469	4.8
Hour: 19	54	4.6	51	4.0	78	5.5	61	4.4	54	3.9	61	4.1	60	3.7	419	4.3
Hour: 20	39	3.3	41	3.2	54	3.8	59	4.3	63	4.6	75	5.1	73	4.5	404	4.2
Hour: 21	29	2.5	44	3.4	60	4.2	46	3.4	60	4.3	68	4.6	62	3.9	369	3.8
Hour: 22	58	4.9	51	4.0	48	3.4	47	3.4	55	4.0	78	5.3	85	5.3	422	4.3
Hour: 23	39	3.3	35	2.7	51	3.6	32	2.3	49	3.5	64	4.3	64	4.0	334	3.4
Totals:	1179	12.1	1281	13.2	1413	14.5	1371	14.1	1382	14.2	1484	15.3	1610	16.6	9720	



PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT **Call Analysis by Zone for 2000**

BONDSVILLE	Total:	720	7.6%
DESK	Total:	714	7.5%
OTHER CITY/TOWN	Total:	193	2.0%
PALMER	Total:	4769	50.4%
THORNDIKE	Total:	1459	15.4%
THREE RIVERS	Total:	1608	17.0%
Grand Total:		9463	

Calls for Service by Zone for 2000



LEGEND

PA - PALMER

DE - DESK ----- Activity in this zone reflects calls received at the police department that did not require the dispatch of a police officer to a specific location, but for which the service was provided at the police station itself or over the telephone, such as providing accident or crime information, directions, referrals to other agencies, etc.

TR - THREE RIVERS

TH - THORNDIKE

BO - BONDSVILLE

OT - OTHER CITY/TOWN ----- Activity in this zone reflects calls received for incidents that occurred in another jurisdiction, and which required a referral to that jurisdiction or a response to that jurisdiction by this department.

SECTION 2

OFFENSE, ARREST & ARRESTEE DATA

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Offenses Reported By Month - 2000

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2	4	12	1	2	7	3		7	8	10	9	65
ALL OTHER LARCENY	5	4	6	5	5	15	11	19	9	11	13	5	108
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	11	11	17	23	25	27	11	30	30	25	23	18	251
ARSON								1	1	1	2		4
BAD CHECKS									1	1	1	1	4
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERI	12	8	7	9	4	4	8	5	17	6	12	3	95
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY		1	2				1	3	3	2		3	15
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER	1					1		1	1			1	5
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI	18	8	17	6	10	9	17	17	20	11	13	14	160
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	4	1	5	2	3	3	6	9	6	12	8	60
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	5	11	1	4	5	2	2	7	4	8	5	7	61
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	3	1	5	3	1	9	1	3	6	1	17	6	56
DRUNKENNESS	5	6	6	8	9	5	10	14	9	11	2	7	92
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE / CO			2						1			1	4
FORCIBLE FONDLING		2		1			1	2		2			8
FORCIBLE RAPE		2	1			1				3	1	1	9
INTIMIDATION	1	3	5	1	2	6	2	6	6	8	10	5	55
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION									1				1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS					4	1		1	2	7	1		16
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	23
MURDER AND NONNEGLIGENT MANSLA			1										1
ROBBERY	1	1						1	1				4
RUNAWAY			1		1	1			3		2		8
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT							2	1	1	2	1		7
SHOPLIFTING		1	1	1	3		3	4		4	3		20
SIMPLE ASSAULT	3	9	10	14	12	22	15	17	22	21	19	24	188
STATUTORY RAPE									1				1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES			2	4		1	2		7			1	17
THEFT FROM BUILDING	5	2	4	2	3	2	4	5	5	2	12		46
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	11		4	6	12	8	3	6	6	3	3	2	64
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS O	1				2	1	2		2				8
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	38	39	35	19	38	34	34	30	34	42	34	47	424
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	2	1	1	1	4		3	1	7	3	1	1	25
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	1	1	1	1	2		4		1	2			13
TOTALS	129	122	144	116	147	160	143	183	219	190	199	166	1918

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Primary Arresting Offense by Month - 2000

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2		3			2	1		2	2	4	1	17
ALL OTHER LARCENY			1	1		1		1		2	1	2	9
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	4	8	9	13	10	12	6	12	14	13	8	9	118
BAD CHECKS									1				1
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERI			1		1	1			2	1	2	1	9
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY									1				1
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER				1				1	1				3
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI		1		4			2	2	1		5		15
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	1	1		2			3	2	1	5	2	18
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	5	10	1	4	5	2	2	7	3	8	5	7	59
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	3		2	2		7	1	4	5		6		30
DRUNKENNESS	5	6	6	8	9	5	10	14	9	10	2	7	91
FORCIBLE RAPE										3			3
INTIMIDATION											1		1
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS					3			1		6			10
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT				1					1		1		3
ROBBERY		1							1				2
RUNAWAY			1										1
SHOPLIFTING			1		2		3			3	3		12
SIMPLE ASSAULT		5	6	13	5	12	8	8	9	6	9	14	95
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES			4	1		1			2			1	9
THEFT FROM BUILDING								1		1	3		5
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE					3								3
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES	12	13	12	7	12	10	9	11	7	13	11	15	132
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY			1	1	2		1		4		1	1	11
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS		1											1
TOTALS	32	46	49	56	54	53	43	65	65	69	61	66	659

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Offenses (In Arrests) By Age Group - 2000

AGE GROUP:	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2	7	10	10	22		51
ALL OTHER LARCENY		5	4	5	1		15
ALL OTHER OFFENSES		17	44	42	46	4	153
ARSON		1					1
BAD CHECKS				2			2
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTERI		6	4	3	1		14
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY			3	1			4
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELLER			2	1			3
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDALI		4	10	6	4		24
DISORDERLY CONDUCT		6	14	8	19		47
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE			5	17	34	5	61
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS		11	23	11	9		54
DRUNKENNESS		7	15	16	46	7	91
FORCIBLE RAPE			2		2		4
INTIMIDATION		5	3	8	12		28
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS		4	11				15
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT			1	2			3
ROBBERY			1		2		3
RUNAWAY		1					1
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJECT			2				2
SHOPLIFTING		4	5		3		12
SIMPLE ASSAULT	2	13	31	32	40	3	121
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES		7	3	3	3		16
THEFT FROM BUILDING		2	13		1		16
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE		4		2			6
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSES		57	109	109	115	11	401
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY		3	6	3	2		14
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS			3	1	3		7
TOTALS	4	164	324	282	365	30	1169

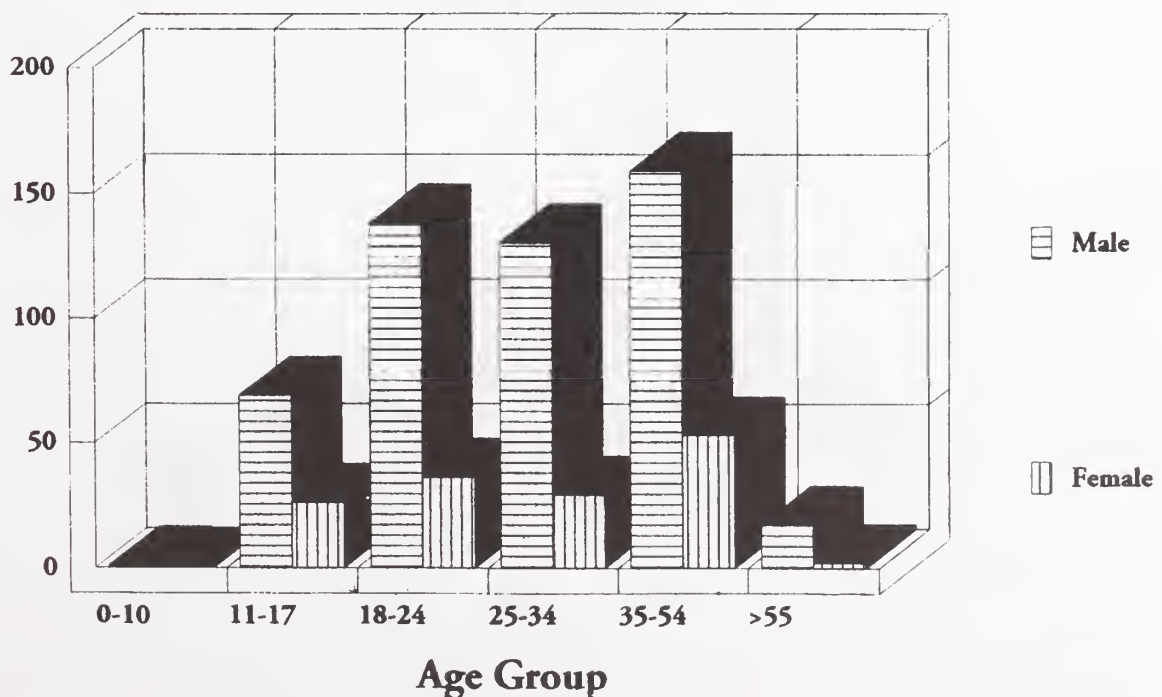
Weapon(s) Involved in Offenses - 2000

	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
Firearm (Unspecified)	1	0.1 %
Handgun	4	0.2 %
Rifle	6	0.3 %
Other Firearm	1	0.1 %
Knife/Cutting Instrument	22	1.1 %
Blunt Object	15	0.8 %
Motor Vehicle	2	0.1 %
Personal Weapons (Hands/Feet/Etc)	195	10.2 %
Explosives	1	0.1 %
Drugs/Narcotics/Sleeping Pills	1	0.1 %
Other	30	1.6 %
Unknown	3	0.2 %
None	1639	85.4 %
Total Occurrences	1920	100.0 %

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrestee Race And Sex By Age - 2000

	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
White							
Male	1	61	125	126	154	16	483
Female	0	25	35	27	52	2	141
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black							
Male	0	7	8	3	4	1	23
Female	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander							
Male	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown							
Male	0	1	3	1	1	0	6
Female	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	1	95	174	159	212	19	660

Arrestee by Age / Sex - 2000

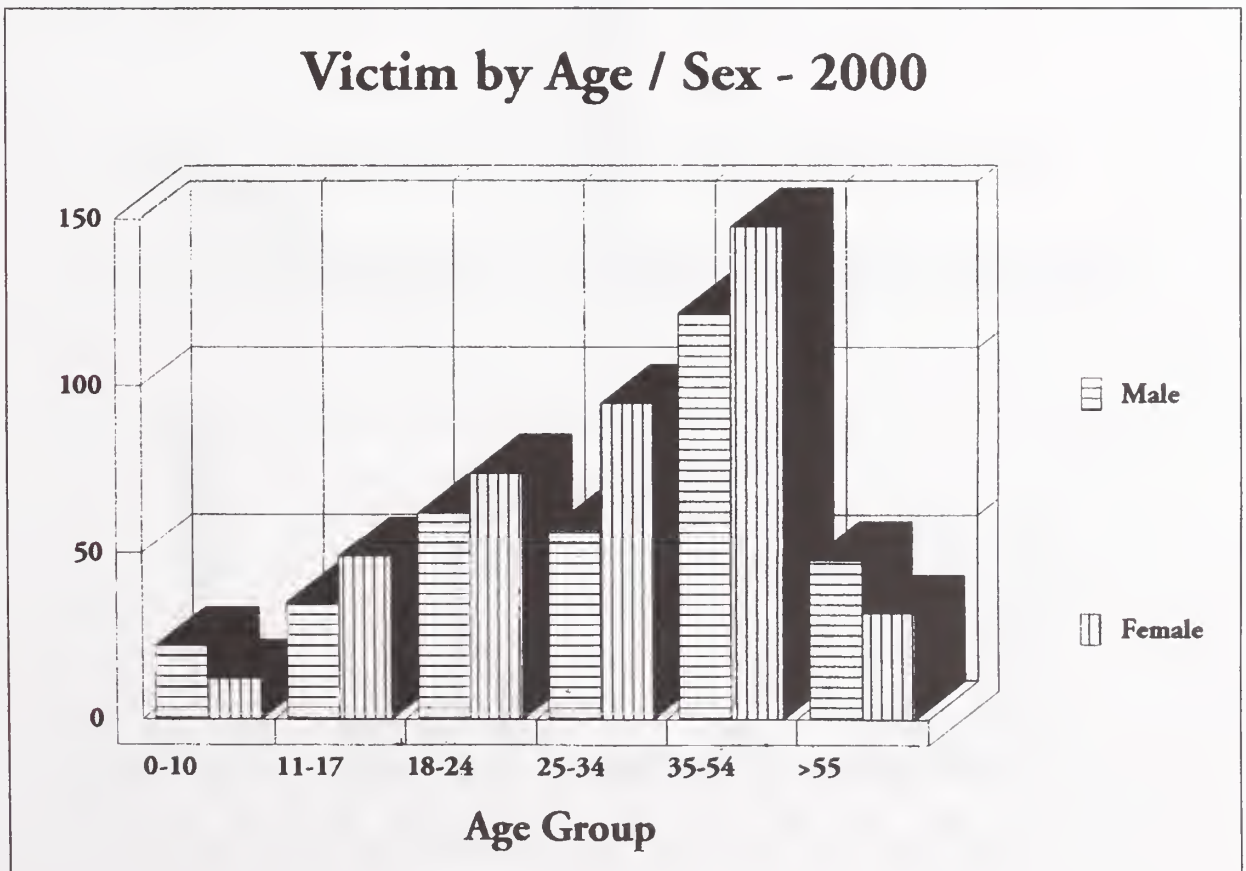


SECTION 3

VICTIM & LOCATION DATA

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Victim Race And Sex By Age - 2000

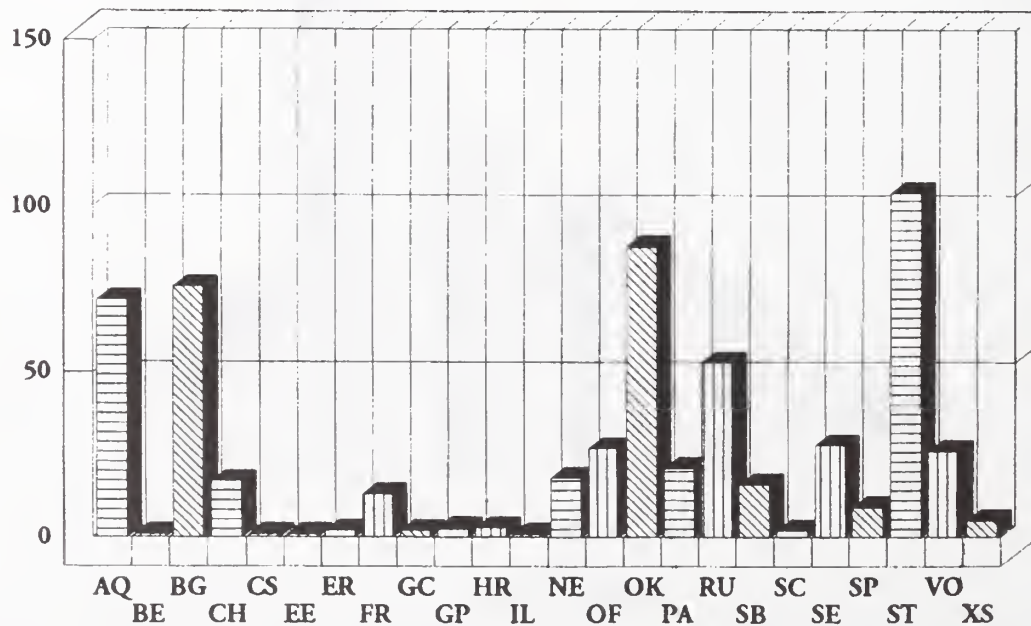
	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
White							
Male	19	33	59	55	117	43	326
Female	8	47	72	89	144	31	391
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black							
Male	0	1	3	1	1	1	7
Female	0	1	2	3	2	0	8
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian/Pacific Islander							
Male	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Female	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native							
Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unknown							
Male	3	1	0	0	4	4	12
Female	2	1	0	2	2	1	8
Unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
TOTALS	34	84	136	152	271	80	757



PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Relationship Of Victim To Offender By Victim Age - 2000

	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
Acquaintance (AQ)	2	17	16	18	13	6	72
Babysittee (BE)	1						1
Boy/Girl Friend (BG)		5	27	25	18	1	76
Child of Boy/Girl Friend (CF)							
Child (CH)	7	8	2				17
Common-Law Spouse (CS)				1			1
Employee (EE)					1		1
Employer (ER)				1	1		2
Friend (FR)	1	2	3	5	1	1	13
Grandchild (GC)	2						2
Grandparent (GP)						3	3
Homosexual Relationship (HR)					3		3
In-Law (IL)						1	1
Neighbor (NE)	1	3	2	6	6		18
Other Family Member (OF)	1	5	7	6	7	1	27
Otherwise Known (OK)	5	15	25	24	13	6	88
Parent (PA)					17	4	21
Relationship Unknown (RU)	1	8	9	17	12	6	53
Sibling (SB)	1	3	4	2	6		16
Stepchild (SC)		2					2
Spouse (SE)			2	9	16	1	28
Stepparent (SP)		1		4	4		9
Stepsibling (SS)							
Stranger (ST)	5	8	22	14	43	12	104
Victim was Offender (VO)		3	8	8	7		26
Ex-Spouse (XS)				3	2		5
TOTALS	27	80	127	143	170	42	589

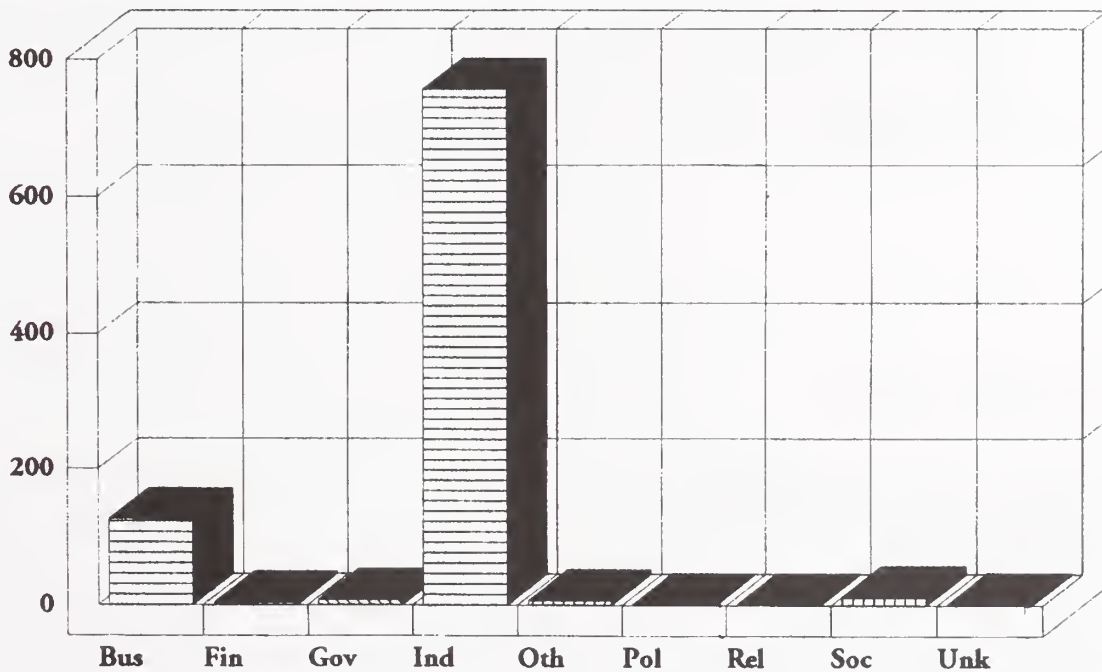
Relationship of Victim to Offender - 2000



PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Victim Types - 2000

Business	125
Financial Institution	4
Government	8
Individual	756
Other	7
Police	1
Religious Organization	1
Society/Public	12
Unknown	2
TOTALS	916

Victims by Type - 2000



Victim Injuries - 2000

	Occurrence (s)	Percentage
Possible Internal Injuries	2	0.7 %
Severe Laceration	2	0.7 %
Apparent Minor Injury	117	40.6 %
None	159	55.2 %
Other Major Injury	2	0.7 %
Loss of Teeth	1	0.3 %
Unconsciousness	5	1.7 %
Total Occurrences	288	100.0 %

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER SAFETY COMMITTEE

This Committee held three regular meetings in 2000.

Additional street-lighting was recommended and some have been completed.

The following items were discussed at length:

Erection of a "STOP" sign at the intersection of Pine & Second Streets (Fuller Road) in Bondsville.

Erection of two "No Parking" signs on upper Walnut Street between Converse and French Streets in Palmer.

Re-installation of two "No Parking" signs on Route 181 and State Street in Bondsville.

Erection of a "Right Turn Ahead" sign on the north west side of Laurel Road, just before the intersection of Circle Drive.

Recommendations of all of the above were made to the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald P. Masnicki, Chairman

Robert Graveline, Secretary/Consultant

William Bouthillier

Howard Case

John Dyl

Police Chief Robert Frydryk

Fire Chief William Drawec

Parks Department Richard Kaczmarczyk

Fire Chief Alan J. Roy

Highway Superintendent Philip Sampson

Fire Chief John Sullivan

Safety Officer Kenneth White

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

I hereby submit the annual report of the department of Weights & Measures for the year 2000. In the year 2000, 340 measuring and weighing devices were tested and sealed. One measuring device was in need of adjustment and was retested and then sealed. Two-hundred and forty-one various food packages were tested at the local stores this year. From that amount 222 were found to be correct, five were under weight and fourteen were over. This year six complaints were received by this department, all of which pertained to gasoline pricing. This department followed up on all complaints and found no errors. This year's fees will total \$3,168.50, with an uncollected balance of \$107.00 at the time of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Serrato
Sealer of Weights & Measures

ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Another busy year has passed and the Board of Selectmen would like to submit this report to the residents of the Town of Palmer.

A special town meeting was held on February 28, 2000 to accept the revised zoning by-laws, and the sum of \$50,000 was appropriated for a feasibility study for the proposed Police Station and Palmer Town Building.

Following the Annual Town Election on April 18, 2000, Mr. Todd Smola joined the Board. At the re-organization meeting held on April 26, 2000, Elaine J. Nikodem was elected Chairman, Patricia C. Donovan was elected Vice-Chairman and Todd Smola was elected Clerk.

The annual town meeting was held on May 15, 2000, with a special town meeting held on the same date. In an attempt to balance the budget, a workshop was held by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee with the various department heads.

At this meeting, the bonding for the CSO project was approved in the amount of \$7,585,000. A sum of \$85,000 was also approved for the purchase of the Vostok property adjacent to the Palmer Town Building. This property was acquired in anticipation of the proposed construction of the new Police Station. The voters at this meeting also accepted the senior abatement program which enables citizens over 60 years old to earn a reduction of up to \$500. towards their tax bill. This program was implemented in the fall and volunteers worked in the Palmer Town Building and in the school library.

On May 31, 2000, the Board of Selectmen hired John A. Griffin to be the town's new Executive Secretary/Town Administrator. John is from Billerica and was previously employed by Representative William Greene's State House Office.

On June 3, 2000, the historic Endelson Smokestack in Bondsville was taken down. This was a joint effort between the towns of Palmer and Belchertown and had been planned for a long time. Many residents of both towns were present for this event.

Palmer held its first Recycling day on July 3, 2000 at the Highway Department garage. Many residents came to recycle their plastics, glass and paper. The increased demand for recycling resulted in a monthly collection day. Recycling is now held on the first Saturday of every month at the Highway Department garage. A Bulky item and Hazardous Waste day was held on November 11, 2000 that resulted in a very favorable response from Palmer residents.

The Town of Palmer received a Municipal Recycling Grant this year in the form of a roll-off container valued at \$4817.00. A grant was also received which made possible the sale of compost bins at a discount price to town residents and a new used motor oil storage tank that is located at the Highway Department garage. The Town also received a reimbursement grant for the replacement of an underground storage tank at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$32,023.05.

The PVTA bus continues to make the rounds of the villages connecting to WalMart in Ware and the Eastfield Mall. New bus stop signs have also been installed around town. This service has received favorable response from all the residents.

In an effort to make much needed office space, Meeting Room #2 was converted to office space for the Planning Board and Palmer Redevelopment Authority.

On October 18, 2000, the Board of Selectmen voted to consolidate Group Health Insurance for Town and School employees into one carrier. This move will result in a combined savings of over \$300,000 for the Town.

On November 20, 2000, a Special Town Meeting was held due to the fact that the FY01 budget appropriated in May exceeded the levy limit by \$310,000.00. At this meeting, voters also authorized the Board to purchase land behind the Palmer Town Building from Country Bank for municipal purposes.

The Board of Selectmen would like to close our report by thanking all Department Heads, employees, Boards, Committees and residents of the Town of Palmer for their support and cooperation. We will continue to work to resolve the outstanding issues and to address any new ones that are brought before us in the coming year.

Elaine J. Nikodem, Chairman
Patricia C. Donovan, Vice Chairman
Todd M. Smola, Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year July 1,1999 through June 30,2000.

Cash Balance July 1,1999	7,178,082.80
Receipts	36,138,120.70
Payments per Warrants	(36,201,110.40)

Cash Balance June 30,2000	7,115,593.10
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 Cash on Hand:	 476,130.24
Non-interest Bearing Checking Accounts:	
State Street Bank and Trust	894.21
Interest Bearing Checking Accounts:	
Fleet Bank Payroll Account	7,203.36
Fleet Bank Operating Account	(311,687.64)
Century Payroll Account	692.15
Country Bank for Savings	50,036.20
Boston Safe Vendor	(259,989.35)
Fleet Premium	1,243,087.01
Liquid Investments:	
State Street Bank and Trust	356,241.08
Fleet	64,591.48
Boston Safe	23,772.70
M.M.D.T.	3,478,279.69
First Trade Union	11,791.85
Citizens	855.43
UNIBANK	1,092,489.04
Paine Webber	60.78
Trust Funds:	
Fleet	64,989.78
Century Bank	125,552.63
Century Financial T-Bonds	257,095.52
M.M.D.T.	59,280.57
UNIBANK	259,683.48
Certificates of Deposit:	
Bank of Western Mass	114,542.89
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	7,115,593.10
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Total interest income during fiscal year 2000 was \$241,200.59

Respectfully submitted,
Roger E. Brach - Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES

The budget for the Veteran's Services was once again level funded for FY2000. I appreciate the efforts of the Finance Committee members and would like to thank them for an adequate budget.

Calendar year 2000 has seen increased activity in many areas of the Department of Veterans Services. First, the State department of Veterans Services, under the direction of Medal of Honor Winner Commissioner Thomas G. Kelley has broadened the scope of Veterans Agents. This has taken the Veterans Agents work to new and exciting heights and changed the Agents title from "Agent" to Veterans Service Officer. Commissioner Kelley has directed that all VSO must be pro active in seeking out and providing support and services to all veterans covered by Mass. General Law Chapter 115. This office has endeavored to do just that. It has always been the mission of this office, to support and service all veterans eligible and do it with compassion and dignity they deserve. It is no secret that we are losing over 5000 WW2 veterans per week throughout the U.S. and over 1800 per week from the Korean conflict. This has placed a tremendous burden on the VSO's throughout the state to assist, support and provide services to widows and widowers who are left behind. Pending legislation that will also have an impact on the VSO activity is the change in the definition of a veteran. Current language specifies dates and conflicts that must be met in order to qualify for benefits under Chapter 115. However, if the revised legislation is passed, all members of the Armed Forces, (peacetime) will qualify so long as they have served honorably and meet certain longevity requirements.

It must be understood that this office is not the Department of Veteran's Affairs commonly known and referred to as the VA, but we assist in filing for the various benefits administered by that body, and referring veterans and their dependents to other State and Federal agencies as requested.

Although there are many questions that we can and do answer, there are times when these questions can also be answered by calling the department of Veteran's Affairs at 1-800-827-1000, which connects the caller directly to the Regional Office in Boston. There is also a VA office in the Federal Building in Springfield and that number is (413) 785-0301 that can be used for medical information and outpatient clinic services and appointments.

In keeping with previous Annual Reports, I have recorded the following business for FY2000:

Office Visits – 461	Requests for GI Loan Applications – 2
Telephone Calls – 867	Requests for Medals – (from WW2 to present – 21)
Requests for Discharge – 11	Requests for Bonus Applications: Korea 3
	Vietnam 7
	Persian Gulf 2
Applications for new Veterans Cemetery – 37	
Applications for Government Headstones – 9	

Providing office hours during the day has made it possible for older veterans and widows to have easier access to our service.

In November 2000, the President signed into law a 3.5% COLA for disability compensation and DIC recipients. This increase was reflected in the checks received on or about December 31, 2000.

A new system by the DET now has various meetings for Veterans to meet with the Veterans Employment Representative at Future Works in Springfield, Massachusetts 01105, One Federal Street, Building 103-3. This allows the veteran the opportunity to see exactly what jobs are available and where and when.

With the permission and support of the Board of Selectmen, I submitted an application for the town of Palmer to be recognized as a Korean War Commemorative Community. This was granted and we are an official Korean 50th Anniversary Commemorative Community. Our official citation is in the entrance to the town hall. In keeping with this we are planning a number of events to take place over the next three years and they will be publicized when they are about to take place.

For the fourth year, a full observance of Veteran's Day was held in Three Rivers. Although the parade was rained out, the ceremonies were held in St. Anne's Hall, Main Street, Three Rivers. In keeping with the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War, our speaker was one of our own Korean veterans, Mrs. Michael J. (Marjorie) Cavanaugh and she did an excellent job. To the Board members of St. Anne's and particularly to Pat Cole and Norman Charette who handled the refreshments for that event, my very special thanks.

Thank you also to Post 130 American Legion and Amvets Post 74 for their participation with their colors and members, and to Police Chief Robert Frydryk and the Chiefs and their men of the Palmer, Three Rivers and Bondsville Fire Departments.

Applications for the new Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam are available from this office and can be mailed upon request. It should be noted that once the application has been accepted and veteran so notified, he/she or their families can change their minds for any reason and not fulfill the obligation of being buried in the Veterans' Cemetery.

Scheduled dedication of this cemetery is Monday, May 21, 2001 and I am pleased and honored to be a member of the Dedication Committee.

A special ceremony for WWII Veterans who served in France was held on November 9th at the Holyoke Soldiers Home to honor those in Western Massachusetts who were entitled to these citations. Having had a hand in this through my position as President of the Western Mass. Veterans Service Officers Association, I was proud to be there and see these recipients from Palmer receive them. Palmer Veterans were: Edward Czech, Joseph Castledine, Chester Majka, John Skowronek, Louis Janulewicz, Walter Swiatlowski, Alfred Ridz, Walter Santos, Clarence Michaud and Gus A. Theodore. The Consul-General of France from Boston, Stephan Chmielewsky, who presented the diplomas/citations did an excellent job and closed his remarks with "Long live the United States and the French Friendships".

Legislation passed this year gave the widows of those disabled veterans who were receiving tax exemptions extended to them. The new law reads:

*Effective October 26, 2000 under M.G.L. C. 50 s. 5, clauses 22A, 22B, 22C, and 22E, as amended by Ch. 159, ss. 109-113 of the Acts of 2000, surviving spouses of disabled veterans who qualified for exemptions ranging from \$450 to \$950 may now continue to receive the higher amount regardless of marital status. Previously, widows of such veterans were entitled to the exemption but were totally eliminated if the spouse remarried. This new benefit even extends to surviving spouses of qualified veterans who died before the effective date of these amendments. These changes in the law apply to exemptions granted for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2000, but did not take effect until October 26, 2000.

PENDING LEGISLATION:

AN ACT TO INCREASE REAL ESTATE EXEMPTIONS FOR DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

This bill would increase the exemption by \$100 per year which is about 1/3 of what disabled veterans have lost by inflation since World War II.

AN ACT RELATING TO SPECIAL VETERANS PLATES

This bill would create a veterans plate for those who, by their service, have earned "The Distinguished Flying Cross". In addition, it would add the international handicapped symbol on Disabled American Veterans plates. This bill would allow widows of those killed in action to keep their special veterans plate just as though their husbands had survived.

In closing, I wish to thank Town Administrator John A. Griffin and my fellow employees in the Town Administrative Building for their cooperation and, last but not least, the Board of Selectmen, who have given me the opportunity to serve my fellow veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter E. Pappas, Director
Veteran Service Officer
Graves Registration Officer
Burial Agent

PALMER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ANNUAL REPORT

The Town of Palmer has been under an Administrative Order from the United States Environmental Protection Agency to submit plans for the abatement of combined sewer overflow (CSO) discharges to local rivers. The plans and specifications for this project have been reviewed and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection. The goal is to start construction this April 2001 contingent upon obtaining all necessary permits, etc. This project involves the first three of the four phases. Phases 1, 2, and 3 which will occur in Thorndike, Bondsville, Three Rivers, and Depot Village. This will eliminate up to 15 of the remaining 20 CSO's within the Town of Palmer. This project will also include improvements to significantly reduce CSO volumes and frequencies from the other 5 CSO locations. CSO abatement will also reduce the number of high flow alarm conditions at the wastewater plant. Wastewater treatment plant personnel responded to 86 alarms calls, 61 of the 86 alarms occurred after normal working hours. The majority of the alarms were high level alarms, which either occurred at the main plant or pumping stations due to storm water in the combined sewer system.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities saw the completion of Phase Two of roof repairs. Phase Two consisted of repairs to the remaining four buildings at the main plant and seven of the ten pumping stations located throughout Town.

Work was completed on the removal and disposal of the deteriorated twenty-year-old lime system.

In order to comply with the new Underground Storage Tank regulations, the twenty- thousand gallon # 2 fuel oil tank at the Main Plant was replaced with a compliant twelve thousand-gallon tank system. The five- thousand-gallon diesel tank and pump were permanently removed. Specifications and plans need to be drawn up and a contract awarded to address the remaining nine underground fuel oil tanks located at the pumping stations.

Once again I would like to thank the entire Palmer Wastewater Treatment Plant Staff for their efforts and a job well done!

Respectfully submitted,
Gary J. Kuczarski
Superintendent

